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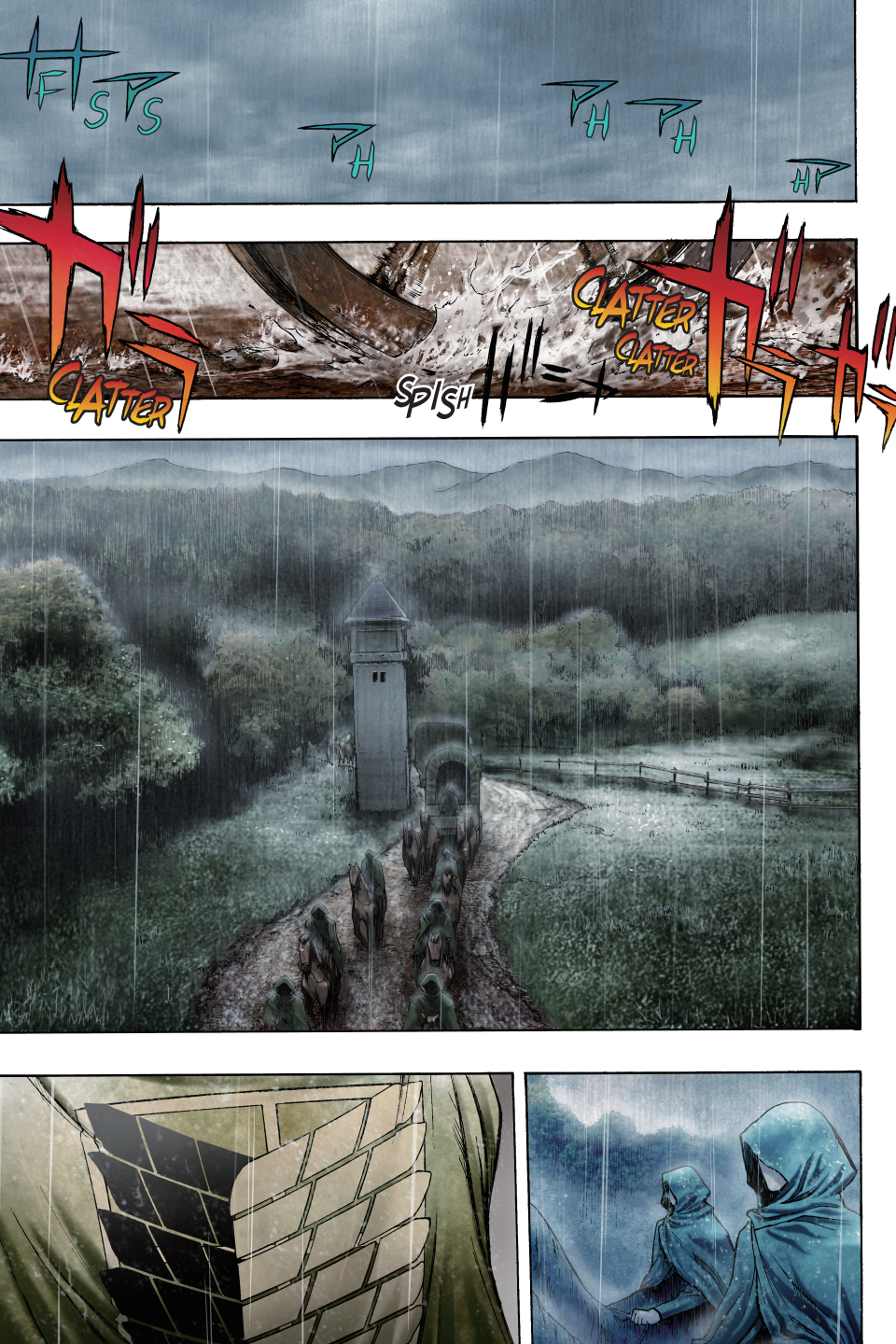
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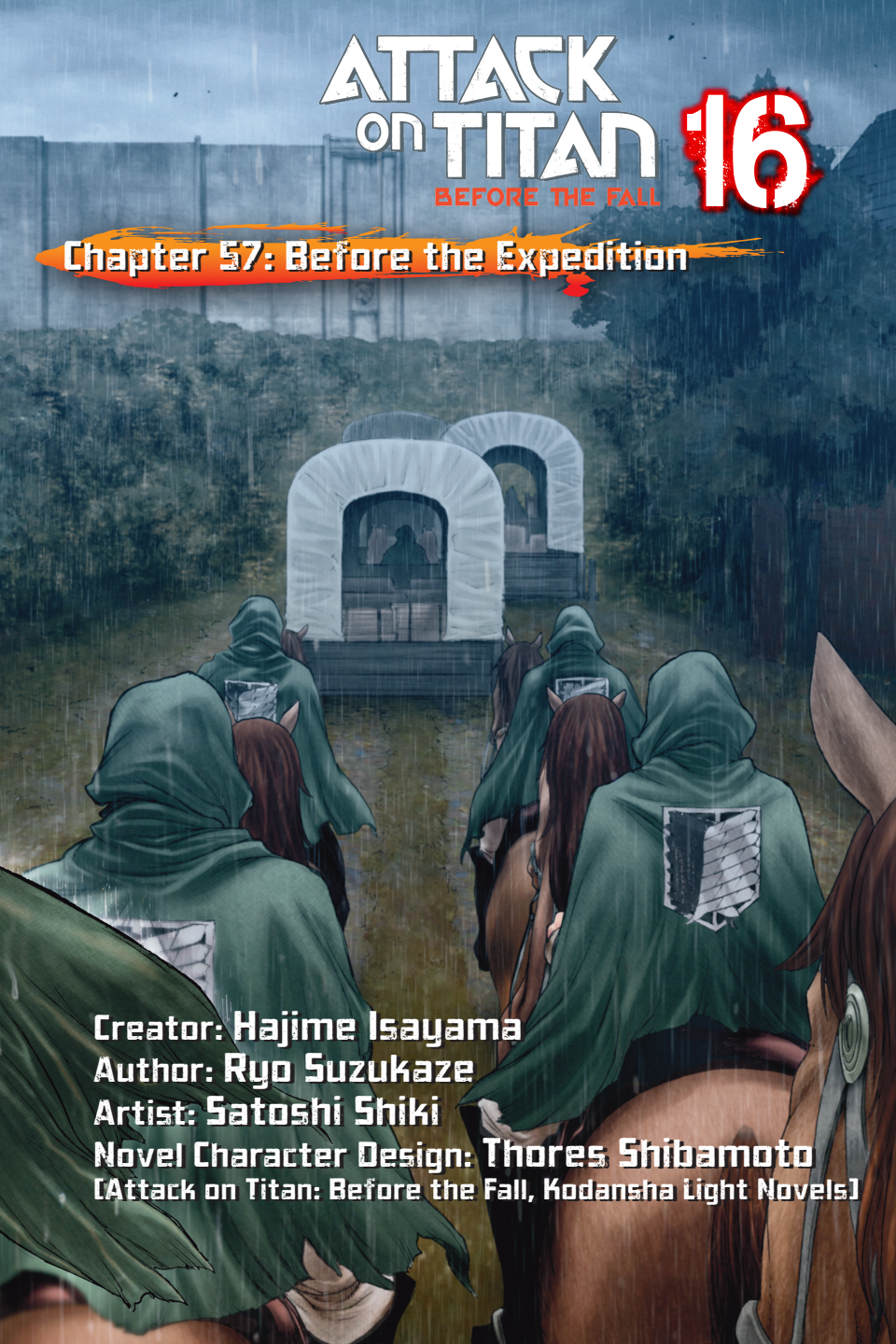
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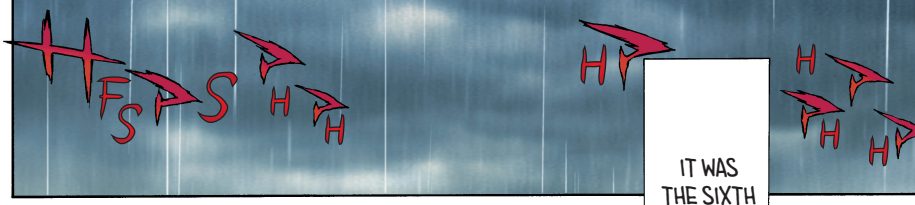
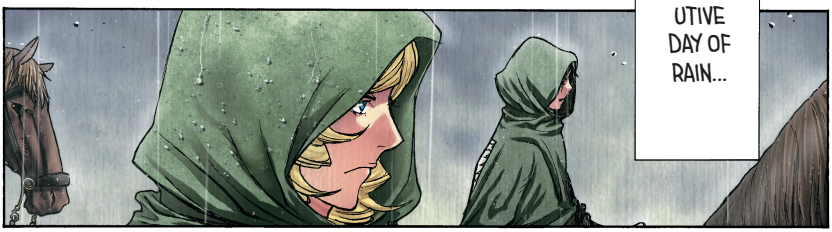
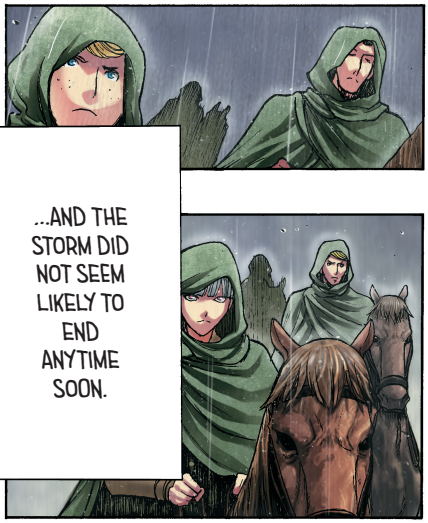
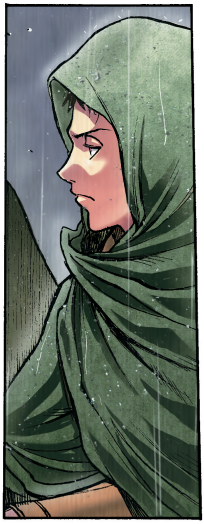
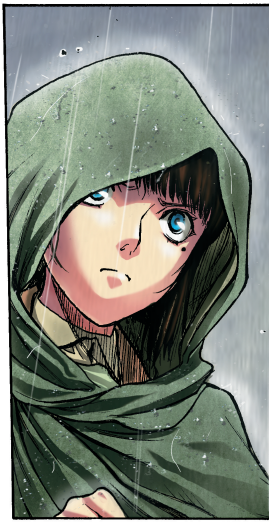
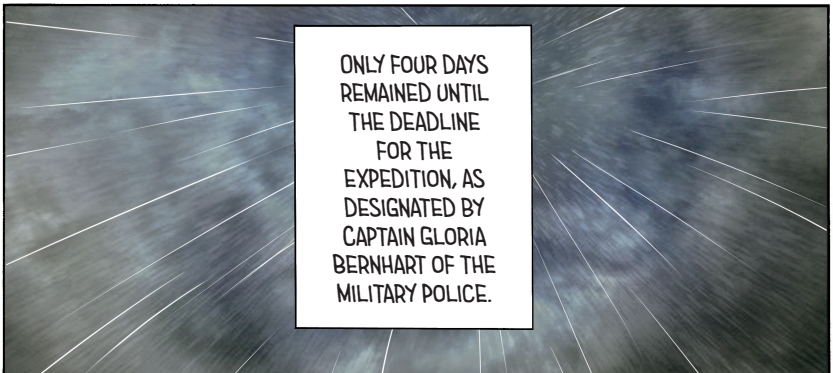

IT WAS THE SIXTH CONSEC-UTIVE DAY OF RAIN...




...AND THE STORM DID NOT SEEM LIKELY TO END ANYTIME SOON.

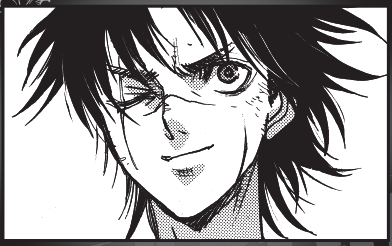





ONLY FOUR DAYS REMAINED UNTIL THE DEADLINE FOR THE EXPEDITION, AS DESIGNATED BY CAPTAIN GLORIA BERNHART OF THE MILITARY POLICE.

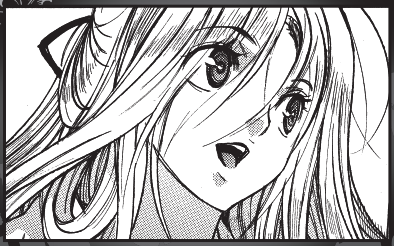
Before the fall Character Profiles

Kuklo

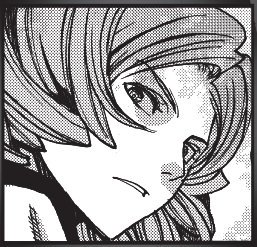


A 15-year-old boy born from a dead body packed into the vomit of a Titan, which earned him the moniker, "Titan's Son." He is fascinated with the Device as a means to defeat the Titans. Xavi defeated him in battle and left him for dead, until Rosa's group found and rescued him.

Sharle Inocencio

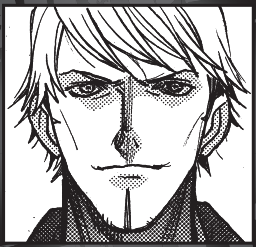


First daughter of the Inocencios, a rich merchant family within Wall Sheena. When she realized that Kuklo was a human, she taught him to speak and learn. She escaped her family home and went into the underground in search of Angel, inventor of the Device.



Cardina Baumeister

Kuklo's first friend in the outside world, and his companion in developing the Device.

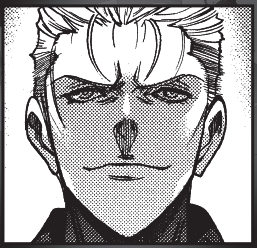


Carlo Pikale

Jorge's son and current captain of the Survey Corps. Since they battled Titans together, he's had great respect for Kuklo.

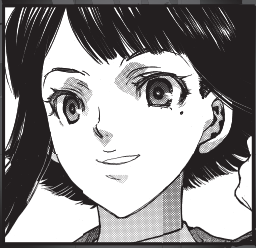
Jorge Pikale

Training Corps instructor. A former Survey Corps captain who was hailed as a hero for defeating a Titan.



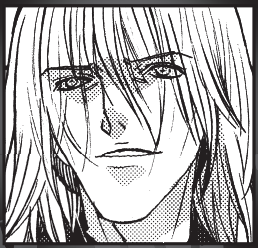
Xavi Inocencio

Head of the Inocencio family and Sharle's brother. Member of the Military Police in Shiganshina District.



Rosa Carlstead

The daughter of Maria and Sorum, Angel's longtime friends. She's in training now, hoping to enter the Survey Corps.



Angel Aaltonen

A former inventor who developed a tool to fight the Titans 15 years ago, known simply as "The Device."

The Story So Far

When a Titan terrorized Shiganshina District and left behind a pile of vomit, a baby boy was miraculously born of a pregnant corpse. This boy was named Kuklo, the "Titan's Son," and treated as a sideshow freak. Eventually the wealthy merchant Dario Inocencio bought Kuklo. Dario's daughter Sharle learned that he was human and not the son of a Titan, and decided to teach him the words and knowledge of humanity. Two years later, Kuklo escaped from the mansion along with Sharle, who was being forced into a marriage she did not desire.

In Shiganshina District, the Survey Corps was preparing for its first expedition outside the Walls in fifteen years. Kuklo snuck into the expedition's cargo wagon, but the Titan they ran across was far worse of a monster than he expected. He helped the Survey Corps survive, but inside the Walls he was greeted by the Military Police, who wanted the "Titan's Son" on charges of murdering Dario. In prison, he met Cardina, a young man jailed over political squabbles. They hoped to escape to safety when exiled beyond the Walls, but found themselves surrounded by a pack of Titans. The two boys escaped with their lives only thanks to the help of Jorge, a former Survey Corps captain. The equipment that Jorge used was the very "Device" that was the key to defeating the Titan those fifteen years earlier. Kuklo and Cardina escaped the notice of the MPs by hiding in the Industrial City, where they found Sharle. It was there that the three youngsters learned the truth of the ill-fated Titan-capturing expedition fifteen years earlier, and swore to uphold the will of Angel, the inventor of the Device.

Then, Kuklo and Cardina headed back to Shiganshina to test out a new model of the Device developed by Xenophon, Angel's friend and rival, but while they were gone, a rebellion by anti-establishment dissidents broke out in the Industrial City. Kuklo was able to slip through the chaos to rescue Sharle from the dissidents, but then Sharle's brother Xavi, now a member of the Military Police, arrived and turned his sword on Kuklo. Xavi won the battle by inflicting a grievous blow on Kuklo, who fell into the river and only survived thanks to the help of Rosa, the daughter of Sorum, who lost his life on the fateful expedition fifteen years earlier.

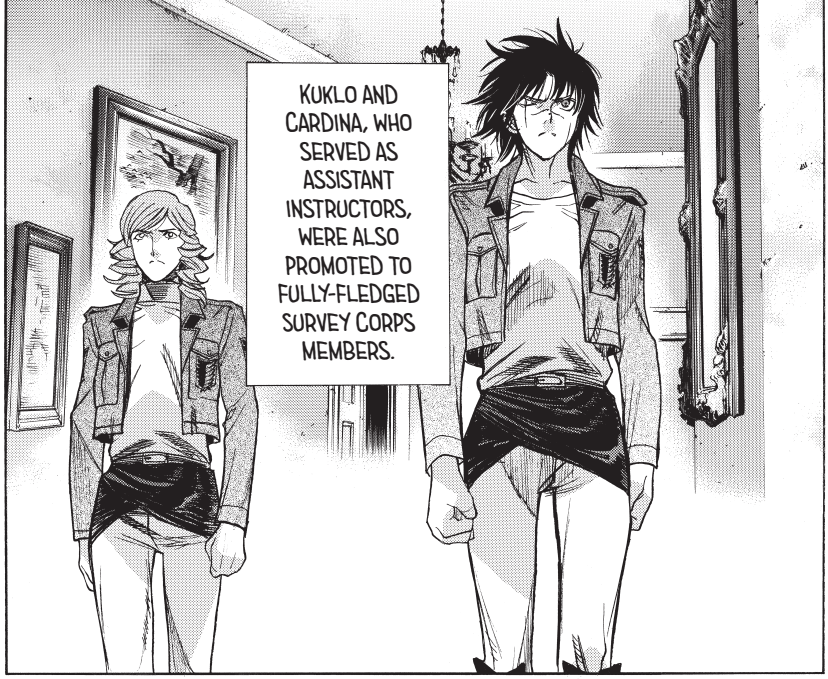
After a month and a half of recovery, Kuklo accepted Jorge's offer of an assistant instructor position with the Survey Corps. Sharle escaped Xavi's grasp and visited Angel, inventor of the Device, who unveiled the finished version, called the vertical maneuvering equipment. But not all of their news was good: the Survey Corps would have to embark on an expedition in just two months' time, and bring back proof that the vertical maneuvering equipment could vanquish a Titan, or the Corps would be disbanded. Captain Carlo decided to split the trainees in two: an elite training class that would use the limited equipment they could produce, and general trainees who would receive the typical Survey Corps regimen. Rosa wound up as a reserve member of the special training class, and overcame her fear of the Titans atop Wall Maria, passing the secondary selection test.

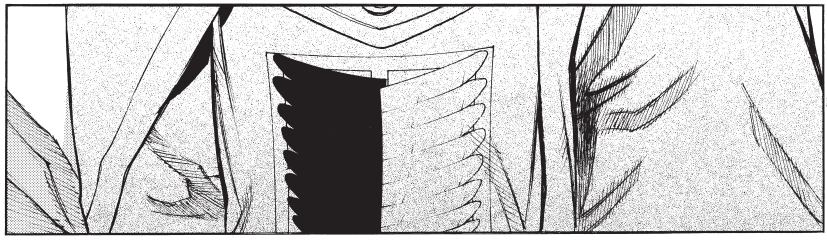
SURVEY CORPS HEADQUARTERS,
SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT

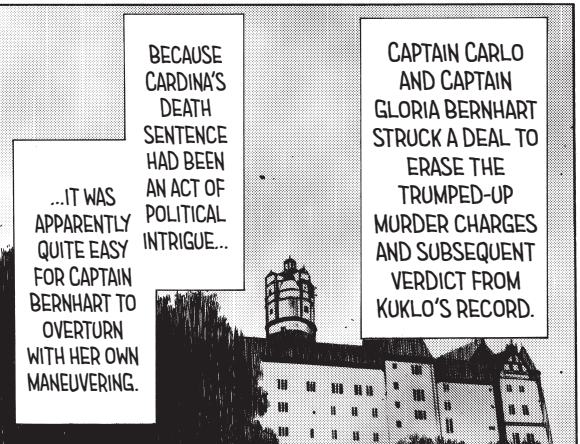
TEN DAYS BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRAINING PERIOD FOR HOPEFUL SURVEY CORPS RECRUITS...

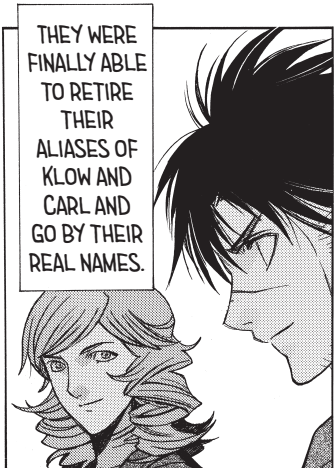
...CAPTAIN CARLO PIKALE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TRAINING RESULTS AND PERSONAL CONDUCT, ACCEPTED EIGHTY NEW OFFICIAL CORPS MEMBERS.

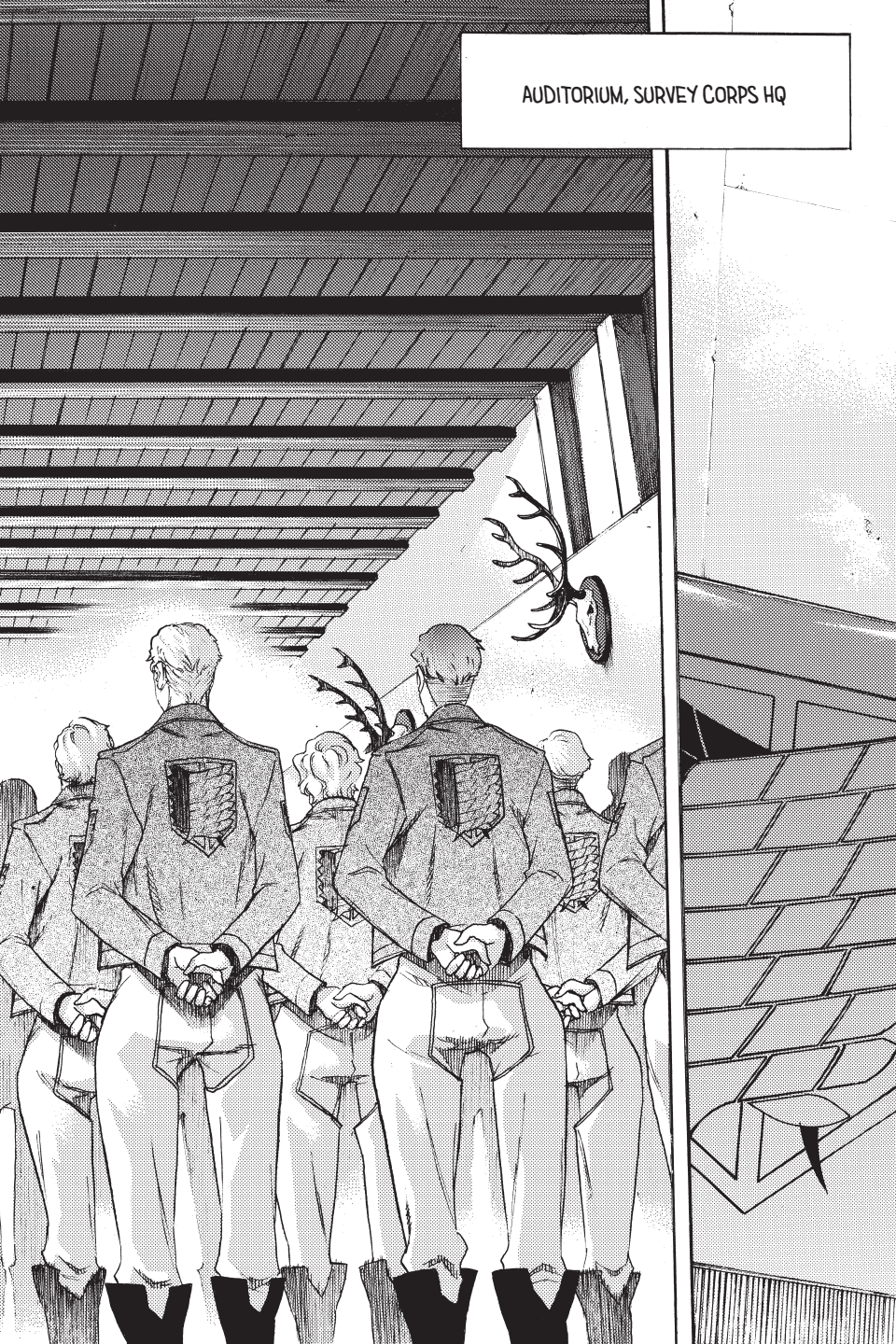
OF THOSE EIGHTY, SEVENTEEN WERE FROM THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS THAT WORKED WITH THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT.
NOT ONLY THAT...

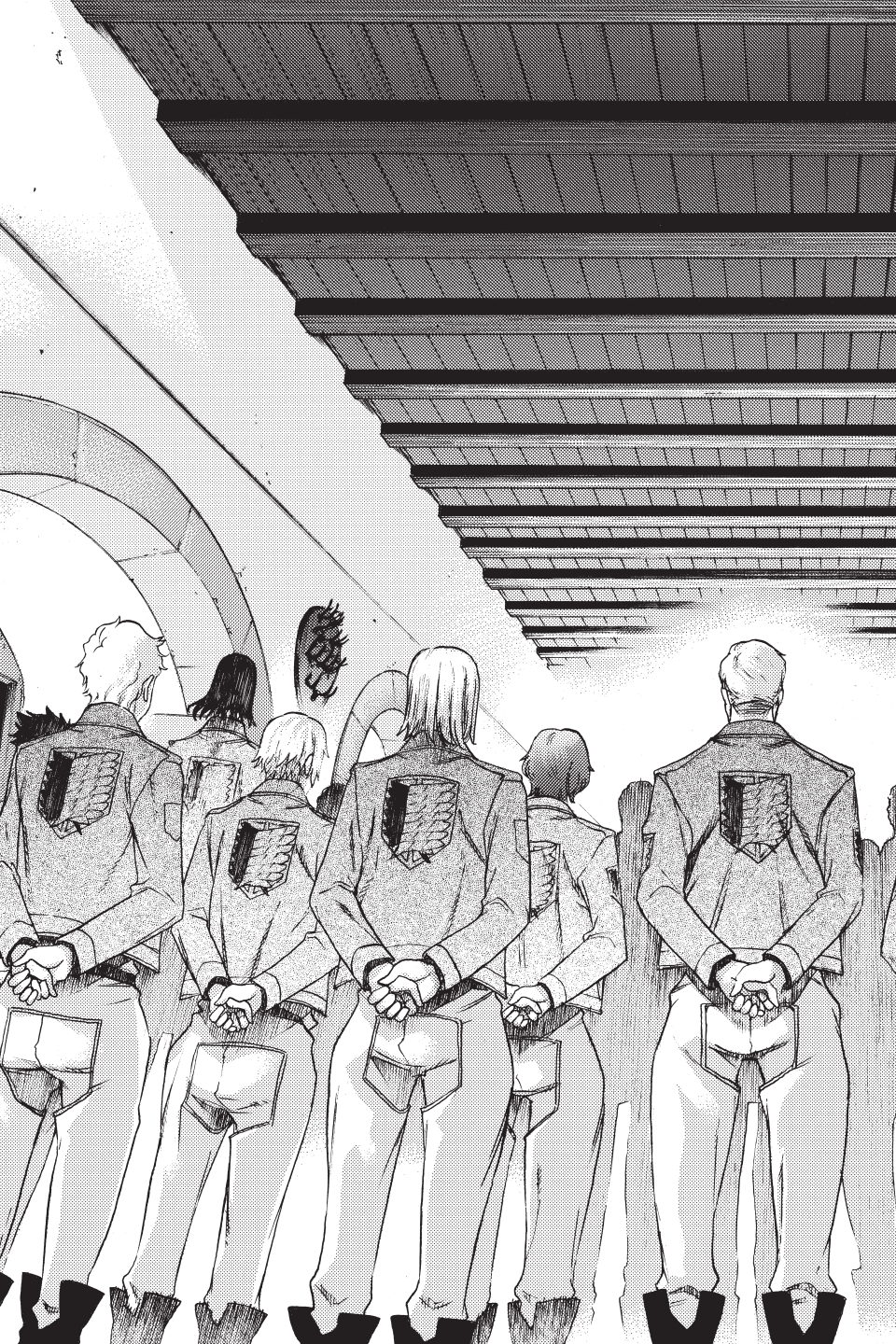

KUKLO AND CARDINA, WHO SERVED AS ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS, WERE ALSO PROMOTED TO FULLY-FLEDGED SURVEY CORPS MEMBERS.



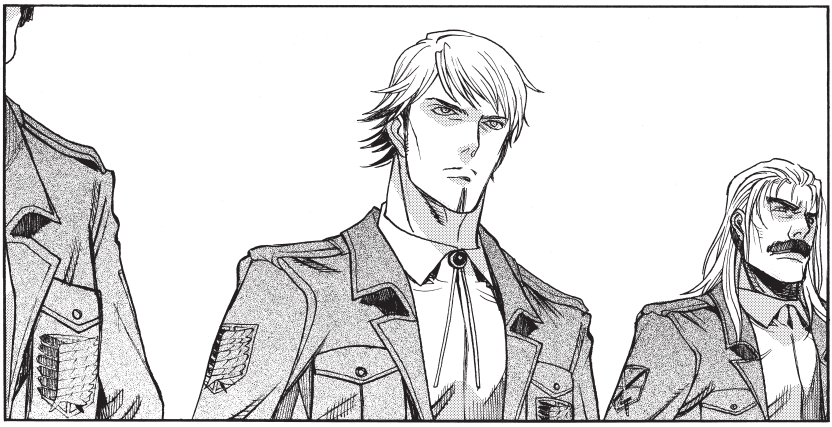

CAPTAIN CARLO AND CAPTAIN GLORIA BERNHART STRUCK A DEAL TO ERASE THE TRUMPED-UP MURDER CHARGES AND SUBSEQUENT VERDICT FROM KUKLO'S RECORD.
BECAUSE CARDINA'S DEATH SENTENCE HAD BEEN AN ACT OF POLITICAL INTRIGUE...
...IT WAS APPARENTLY QUITE EASY FOR CAPTAIN BERNHART TO OVERTURN WITH HER OWN MANEUVERING.


THEY WERE FINALLY ABLE TO RETIRE THEIR ALIASES OF KLOW AND CARL AND GO BY THEIR REAL NAMES.


AUDITORIUM, SURVEY CORPS HQ

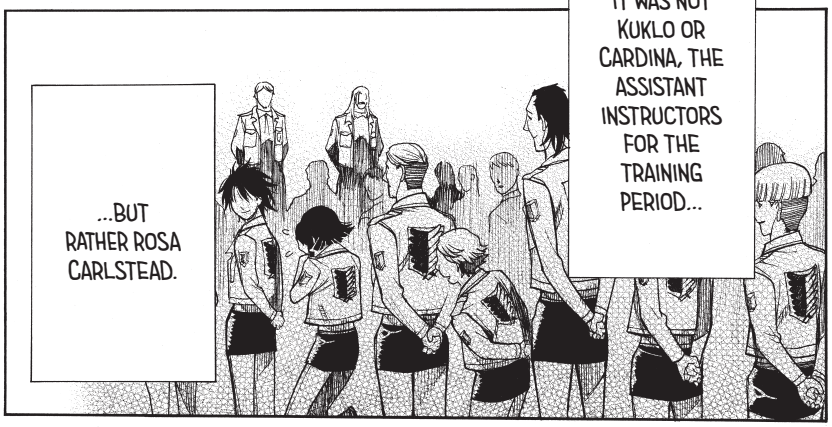


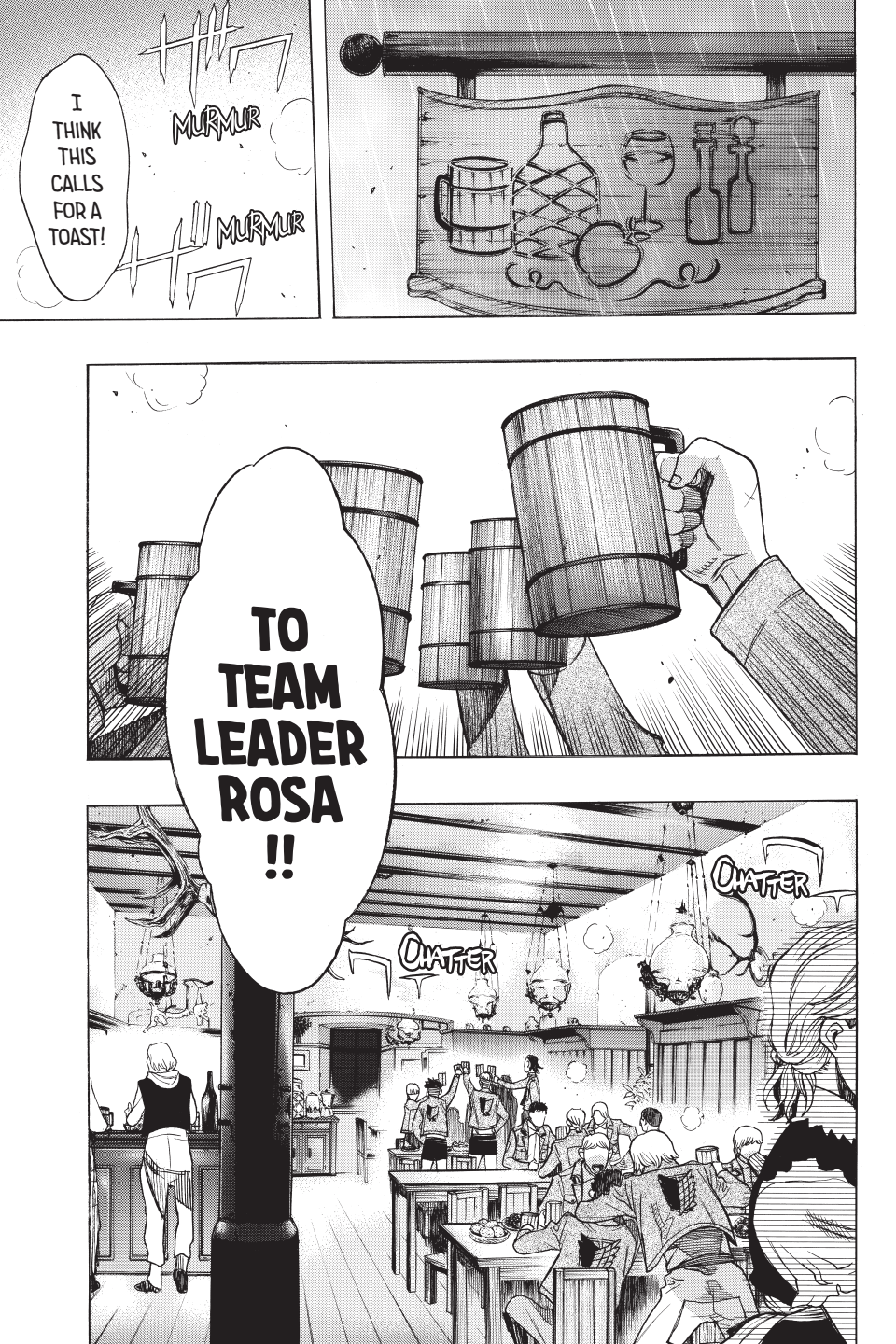
ON THE DAY THEY REACHED SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, THE CORPS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE EIGHTY MEMBERS, IN TEN TEAMS, WHO WOULD JOIN THE EXPEDITION.



VETERAN SOLDIERS FROM THE PREVIOUS EXPEDITION WERE NAMED TEAM LEADERS.
OF THE TEN TEAMS, ONE THROUGH NINE WERE SELECTED FROM THE GENERAL TRAINING CLASS.

THE LAST, TEAM TEN, CONSISTED ENTIRELY OF VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS MEMBERS, PLUS KUKLO AND CARDINA.
BUT THE REAL SURPRISE FOR THE FORMER TRAINEES CAME WHEN CAPTAIN CARLO ANNOUNCED THE LEADER OF TEAM TEN.


IT WAS NOT KUKLO OR CARDINA, THE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS FOR THE TRAINING PERIOD...
...BUT RATHER ROSA CARLSTEAD.

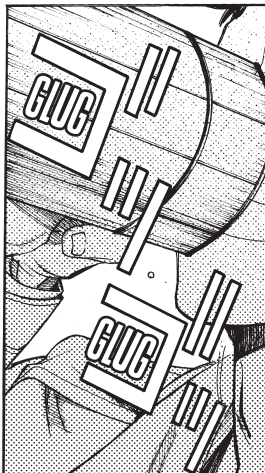

I THINK THIS CALLS FOR A TOAST!
MURMUR
MURMUR
TO TEAM LEADER ROSA !!
CHATTER
CHATTER

CHEERS...

CH...

CHEERS!
MURMUR
MURMUR

I TELL YA, NOW THAT WE'RE USING ACTUAL ALE INSTEAD OF WATER, THIS REALLY FEELS **RIGHT** FOR ONCE!
PWAAA!!
WHAM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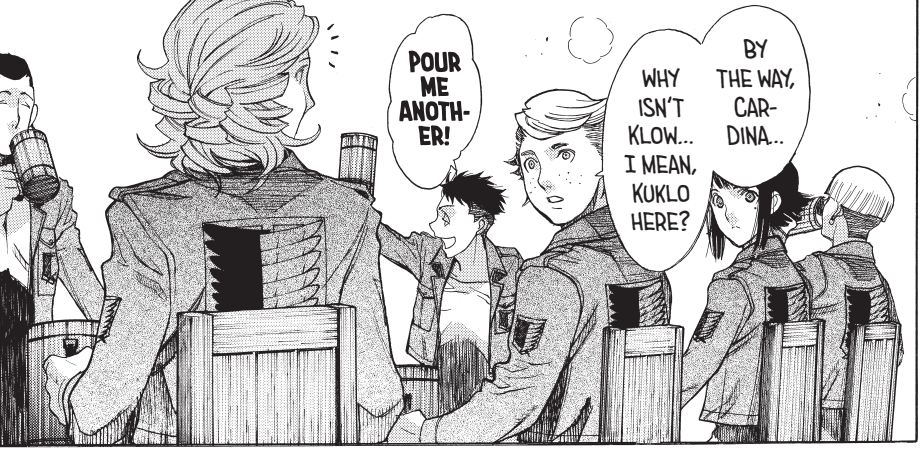
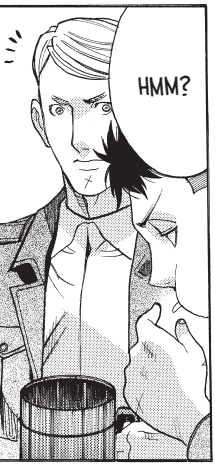
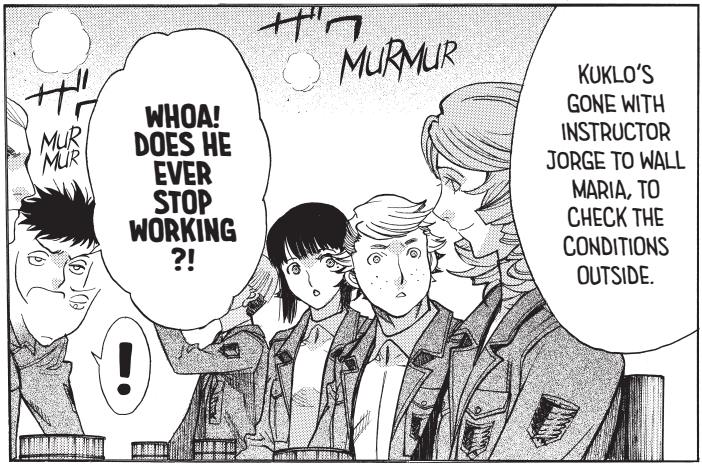

POUR ME ANOTHER!
WHY ISN'T KLOW... I MEAN, KUKLO HERE?
BY THE WAY, CARDINA...


HMM?


MURMUR
MUR MUR
WHOA! DOES HE EVER STOP WORKING ?!
!
KUKLO'S GONE WITH INSTRUCTOR JORGE TO WALL MARIA, TO CHECK THE CONDITIONS OUTSIDE.

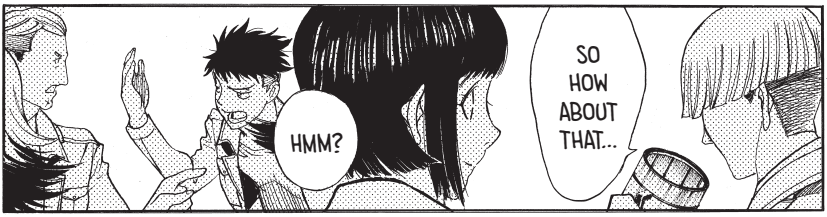
IT'S... IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T DRINK.
I JUST DON'T LIKE THE BITTER TASTE.

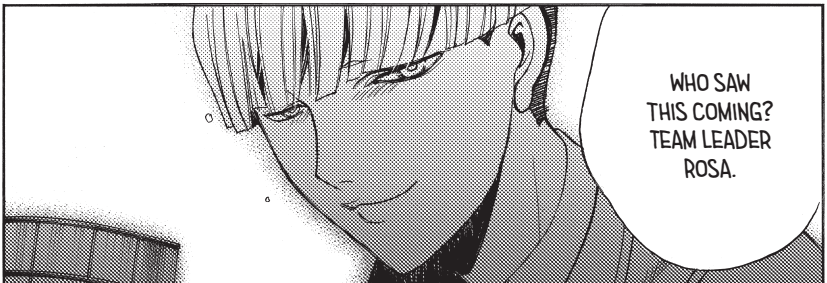
KAI!
KURZ, IS THAT GRAPE JUICE YOU'RE DRINKING?
WAIT, WAIT, DON'T TELL ME...

BUT...
YOU KNOW THERE'S FRUIT-BASED ALCOHOL TOO, LIKE WHAT ROSA'S HAVING.

CAN'T YOU EVEN CELEBRATE DURING A CELEBRATION?!
THAT MEANS NOTHING, COMING FROM ONE WHO NEVER **STOPS** ENJOYING HIMSELF.

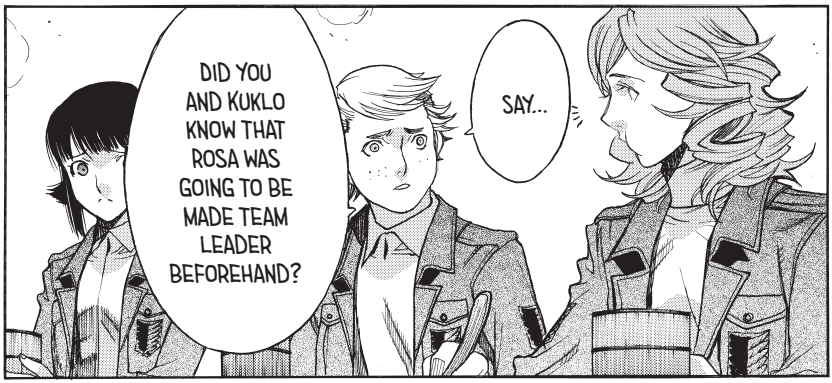
COME **ON!**
WHAT IF WE'RE CALLED UPON TO LEAVE TOMORROW?

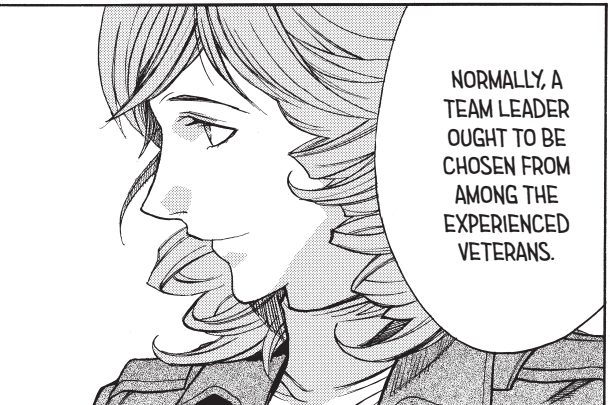

HMM?
SO HOW ABOUT THAT...


WHO SAW THIS COMING? TEAM LEADER ROSA.

I'M STUNNED, TOO. I WAS EXCITED ENOUGH JUST TO GET INTO THE SURVEY CORPS, BUT NOW TEAM LEADER...?
IT STILL DOESN'T FEEL REAL.

YEAH... I KNOW...


DID YOU AND KUKLO KNOW THAT ROSA WAS GOING TO BE MADE TEAM LEADER BEFOREHAND?
SAY...


NORMALLY, A TEAM LEADER OUGHT TO BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE EXPERIENCED VETERANS.

WE DID.

SO IT BECAME AN INEVITABILITY THAT THE TEAM LEADER WOULD HAVE TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS.

BWAHHAHHAHHAHHAH

BUT WE NEED TEAM TEN TO BE MADE UP ENTIRELY OF SOLDIERS WITH VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT TRAINING.

AFTER THREE MONTHS OF OBSERVING YOUR TRAINING SESSIONS...

...ROSA WAS CHOSEN IN TERMS OF OVERALL POINTS.

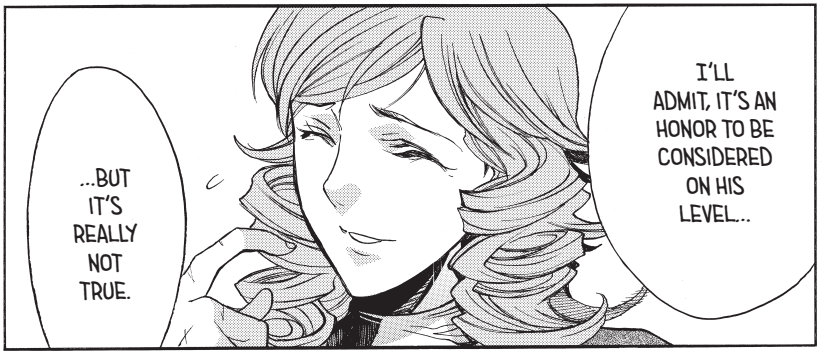
WE'RE THE REASON THAT XAVI INOCENCIO IS HERE MONITORING THE CORPS.

IF KUKLO IN PARTICULAR WAS TO DEFEAT THE TITAN, IT WOULDN'T ACTUALLY REFLECT ON THE EQUIPMENT'S EFFICACY OR PRACTICALITY.

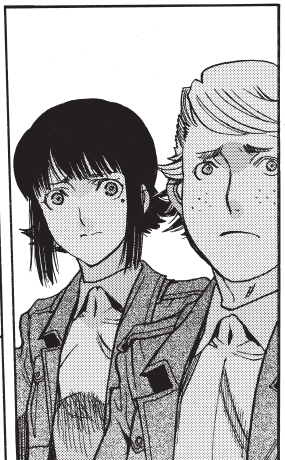
OVER-ALL...?

BUT SURELY THAT WOULD BE YOU OR KUKLO...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! THAT'S NOT FAIR!!
THAT'S JUST HOW MUCH KUKLO EXCELS AT WHAT HE DOES.
WHAT WOULD THE POINT OF THE EQUIPMENT BE IF ONLY THE TRULY EXCEPTIONAL SUPERHUMANS AMONG US CAN USE IT?

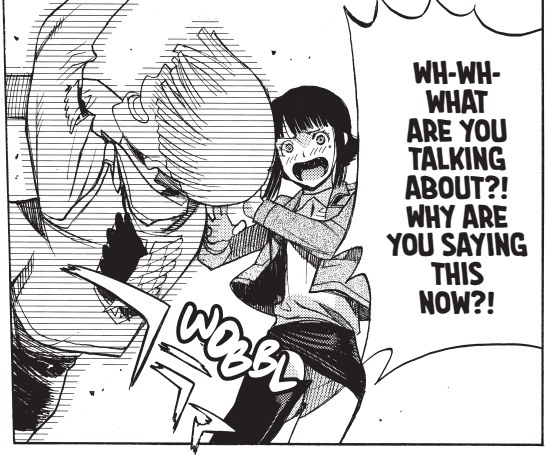

I'LL ADMIT, IT'S AN HONOR TO BE CONSIDERED ON HIS LEVEL...
...BUT IT'S REALLY NOT TRUE.

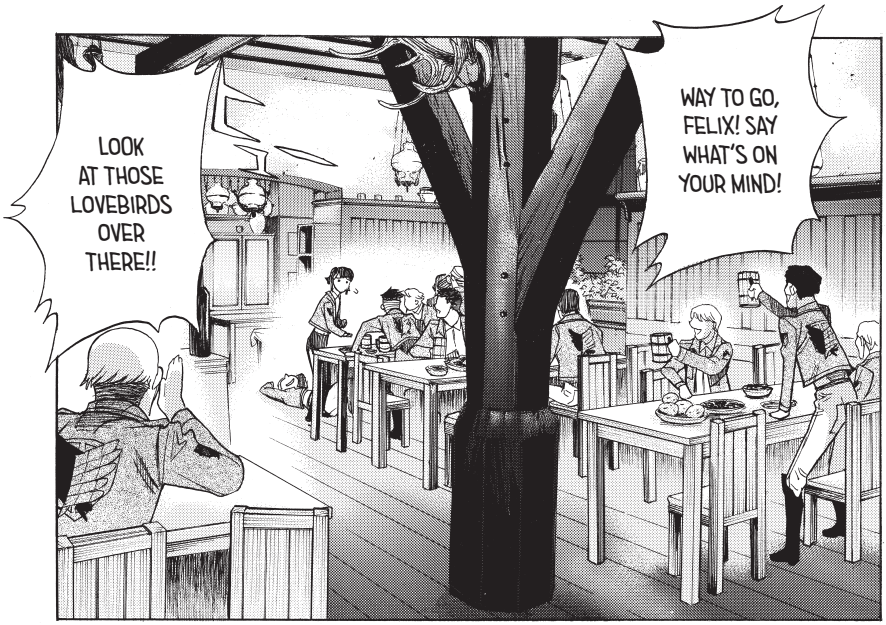
SO THAT'S WHY BOTH KUKLO AND I WILL BE UNDER YOUR COMMAND ON THIS EXPEDITION. LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, TEAM LEADER.

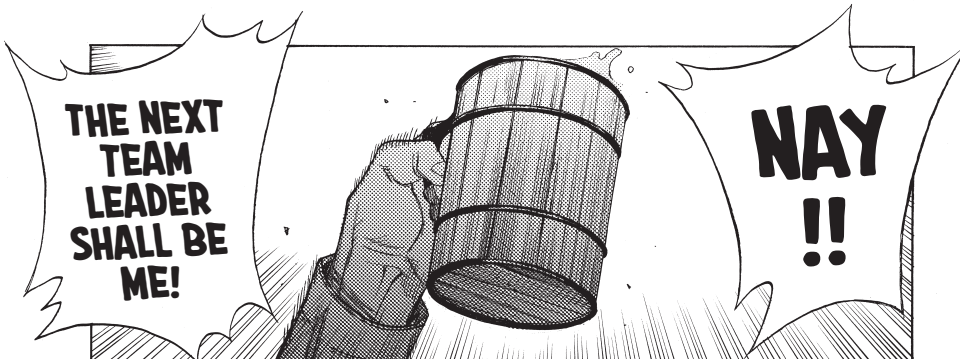


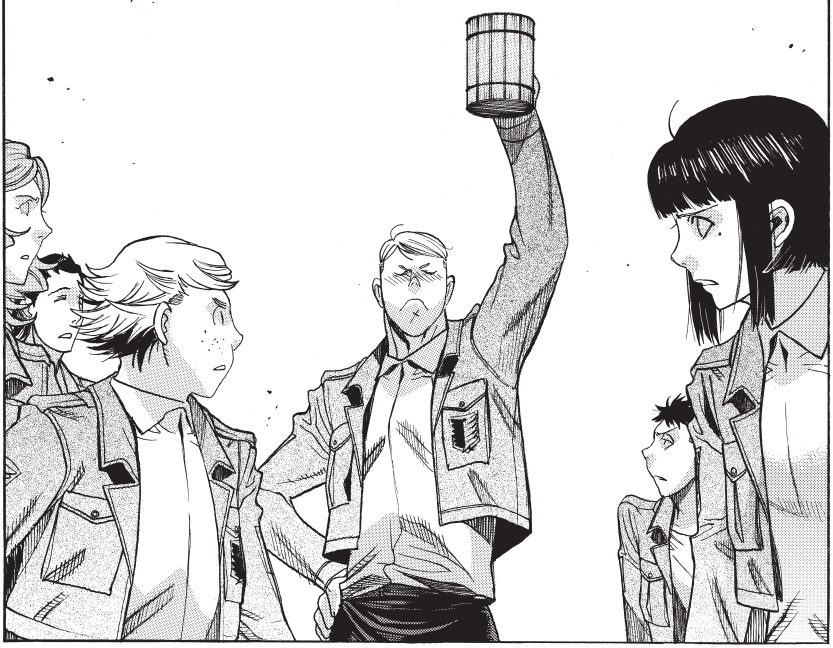
LOOMP
HOW... EV... ER...
...I'M GOING TO BE TEAM LEADER !!
ON THE NEXT EXPEDI-TION...
GA-
AAAH!
CHONK!
I'M GONNA KEEP YOU SAFE !!
HUH ?!
HUH?
AND THEN ...
AND... ROSA...

KA-
FLOMP

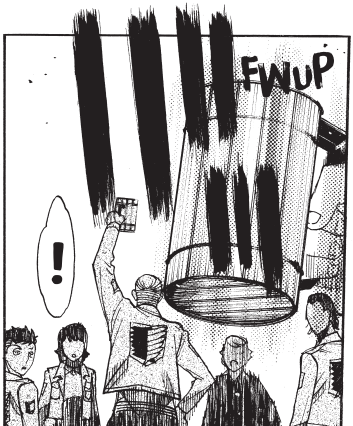

WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS NOW?!
WOBBL


LOOK AT THOSE LOVEBIRDS OVER THERE!!
WAY TO GO, FELIX! SAY WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!


THE NEXT TEAM LEADER SHALL BE ME!
NAY !!



IT'SH WHY I JOINED THE CURVEY SORE...
FOR I... WILL SHAVE YOU...FROM TITANSH...
HAVE NO FEER, HOOMANI-TY...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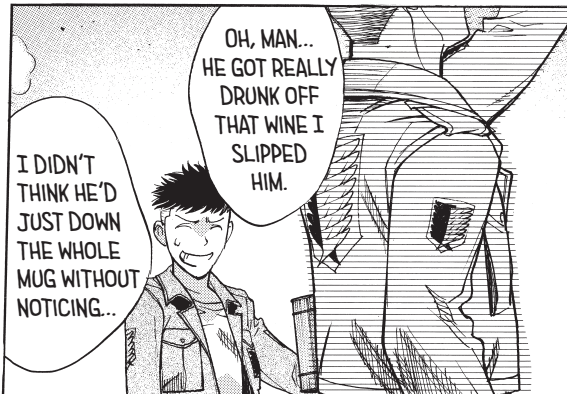
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D JUST DOWN THE WHOLE MUG WITHOUT NOTICING...
OH, MAN... HE GOT REALLY DRUNK OFF THAT WINE I SLIPPED HIM.

YER LOOKIN' AT THE NEXT TEAM LEADER, BOYS!!
?!!
I'M GONNA BE TEAM LEADER TOO, CONSARN IT!!
NO WAY, IT'S GONNA BE ME!!
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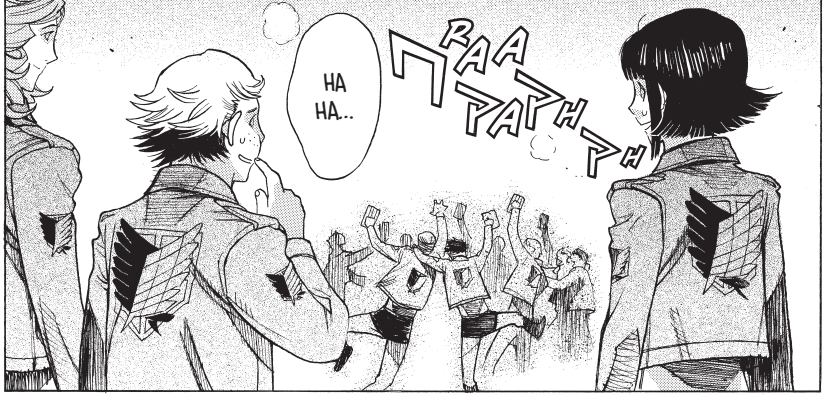
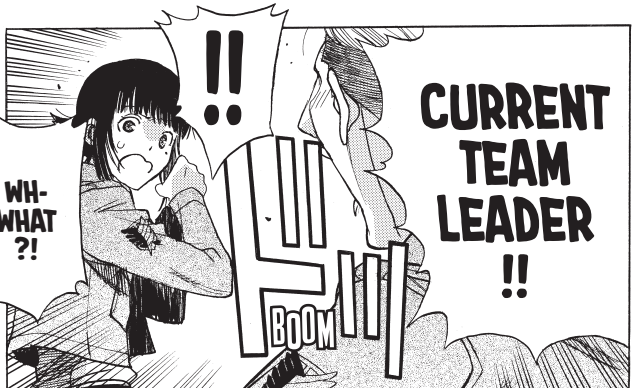
AHH
HEY, DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!
GRRR...
DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE SHO MANY CANNI-DATES...


HA HA...
RAA TATATA

GIMME...
...A KICK IN THE PANTS ...

WHAT?
ROSA...

SO I CAN EARN... TEAM LEADER...


WH-WHAT ?!
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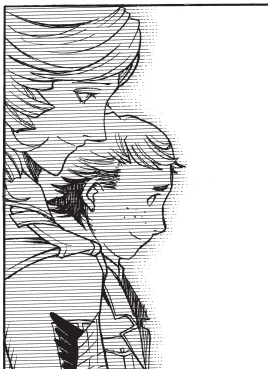
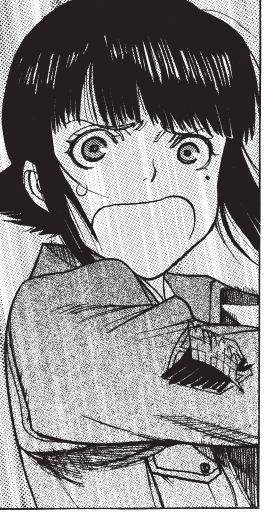
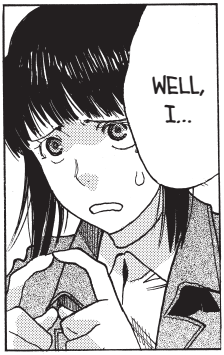
BOOM
CURRENT TEAM LEADER !!

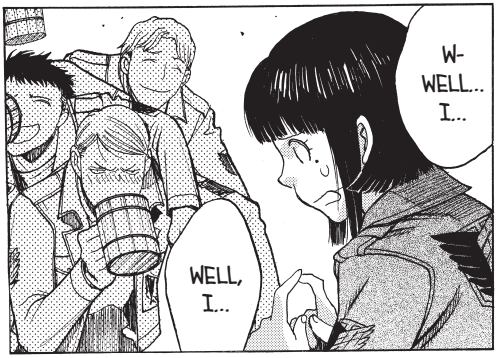


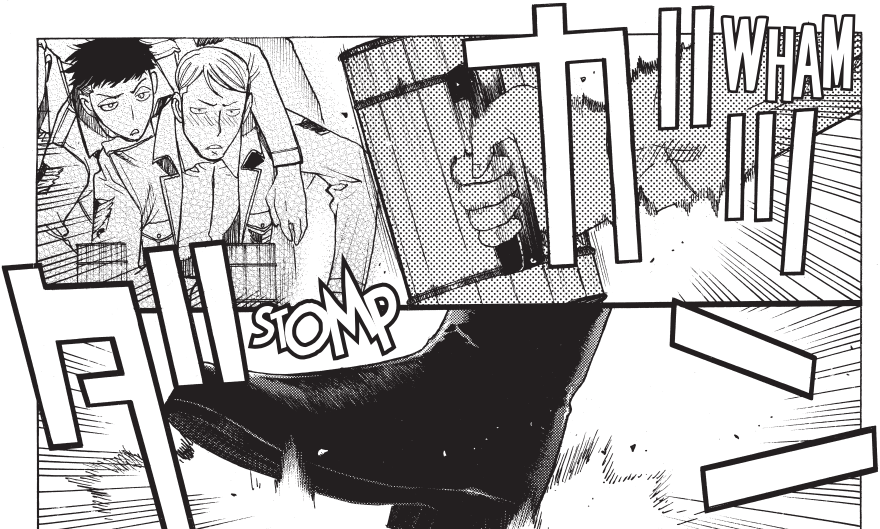


CURRENT TEAM LEADER, WE REQUEST...
...A ROUSING SHPEECH !!

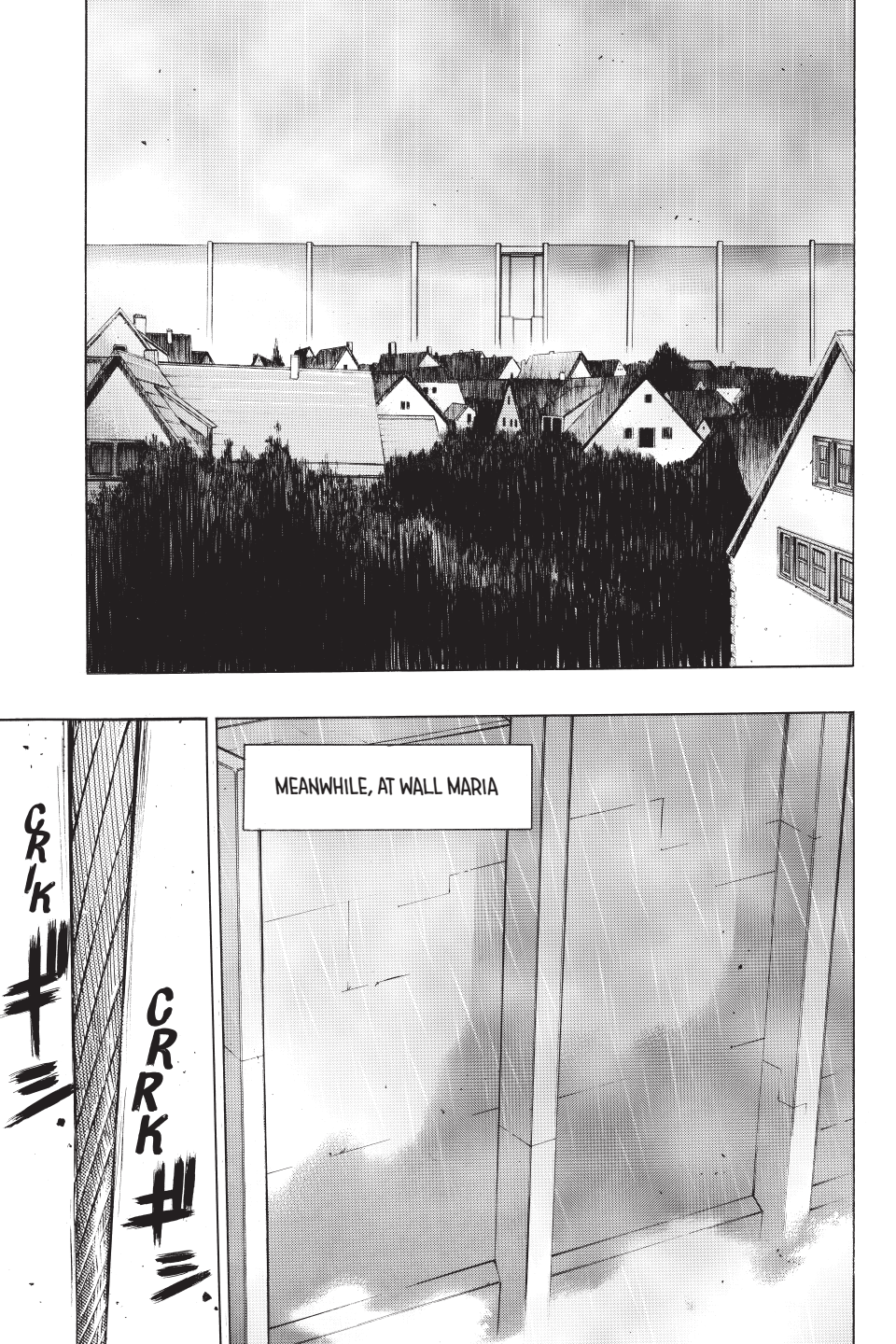
WELL-EYE ?


WELL, I...


W-WELL... I...
WELL, I...


WHAM
STOMP

TO THE SURVEY CORPS!!
YEAAAH!!
RAAA
TO THE SURVEY CORPS!!
WOO!!
M-ME, TOO!


MEANWHILE, AT WALL MARIA
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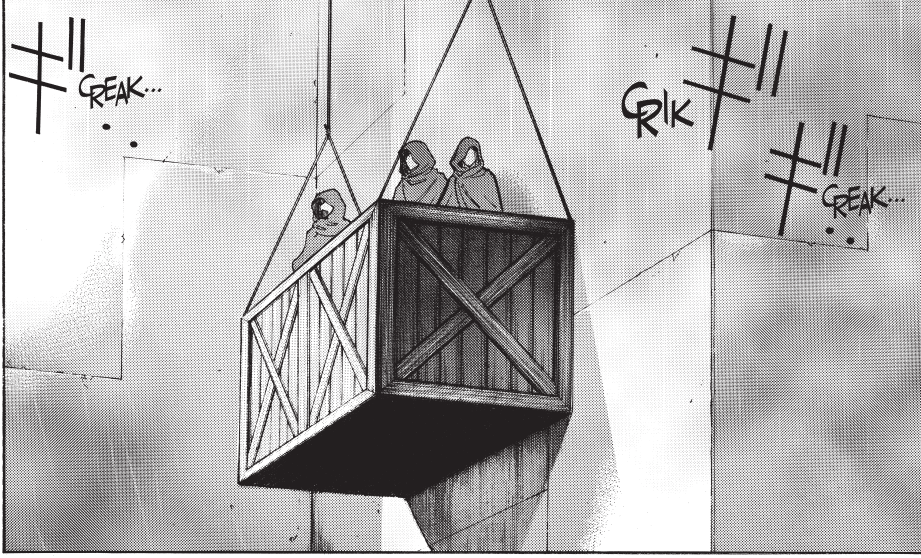
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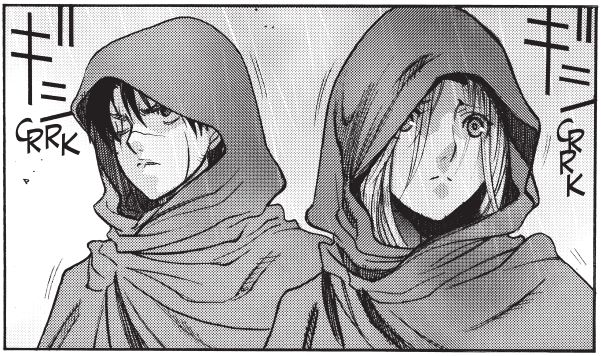
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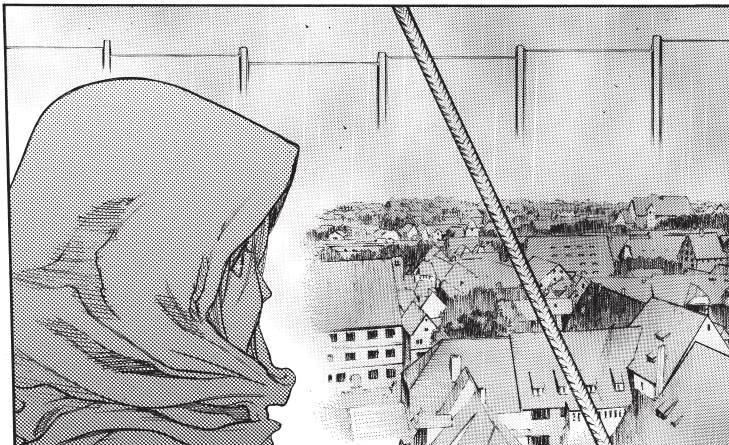
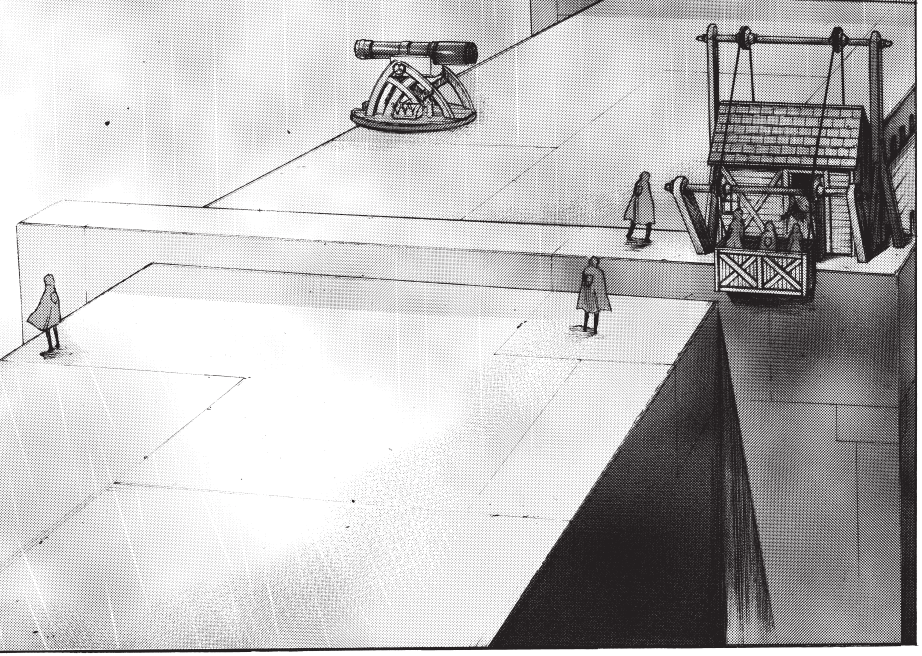
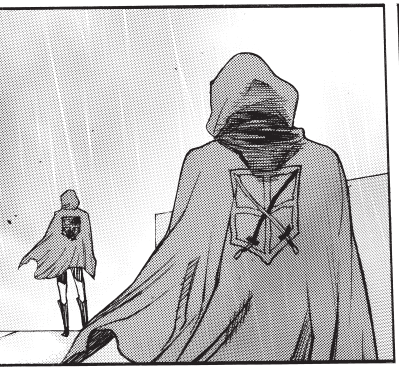
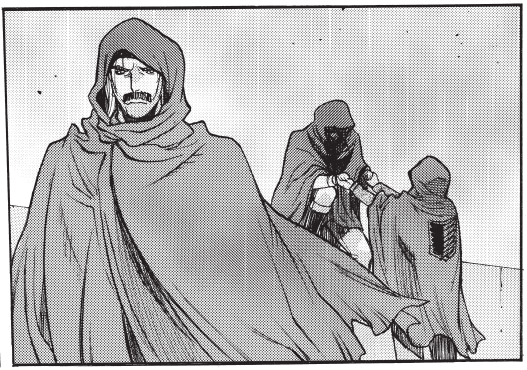
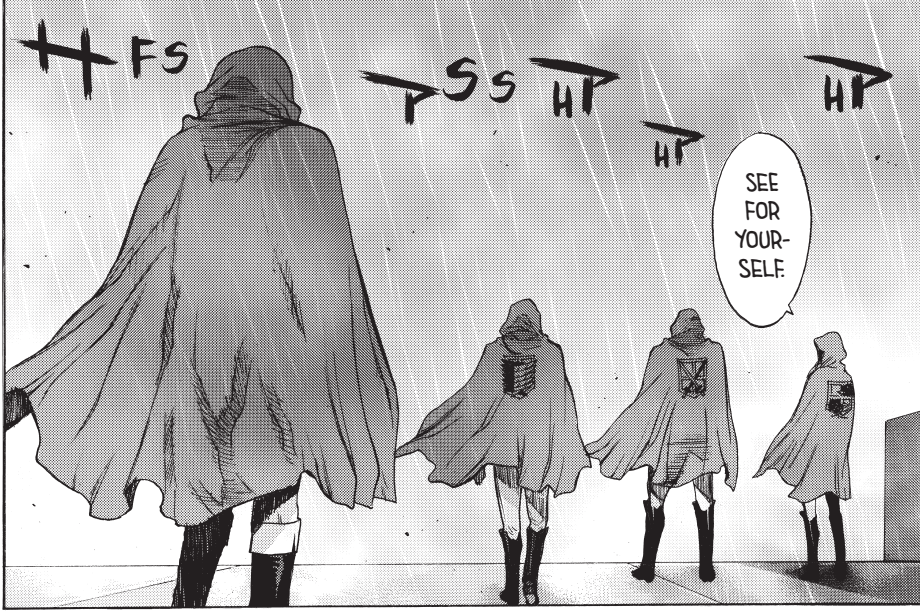








HOW DOES IT LOOK OUT THERE?
MARIA.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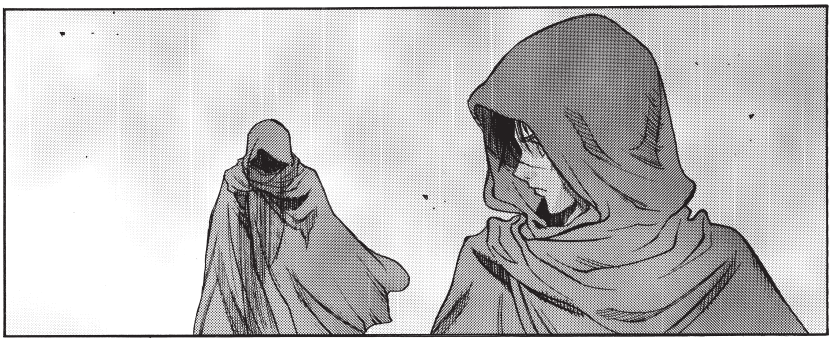
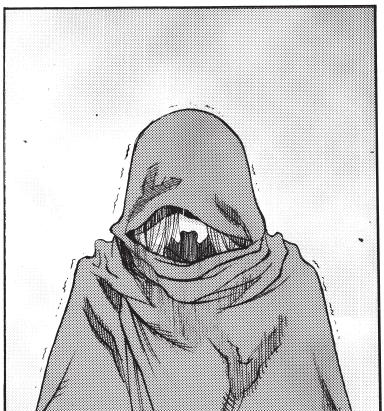
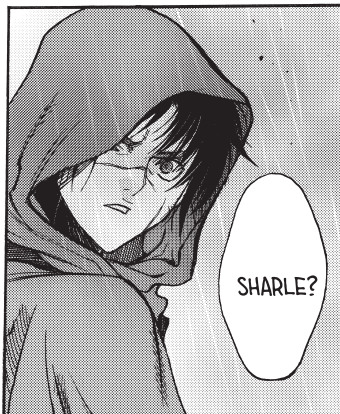





SHARLE?

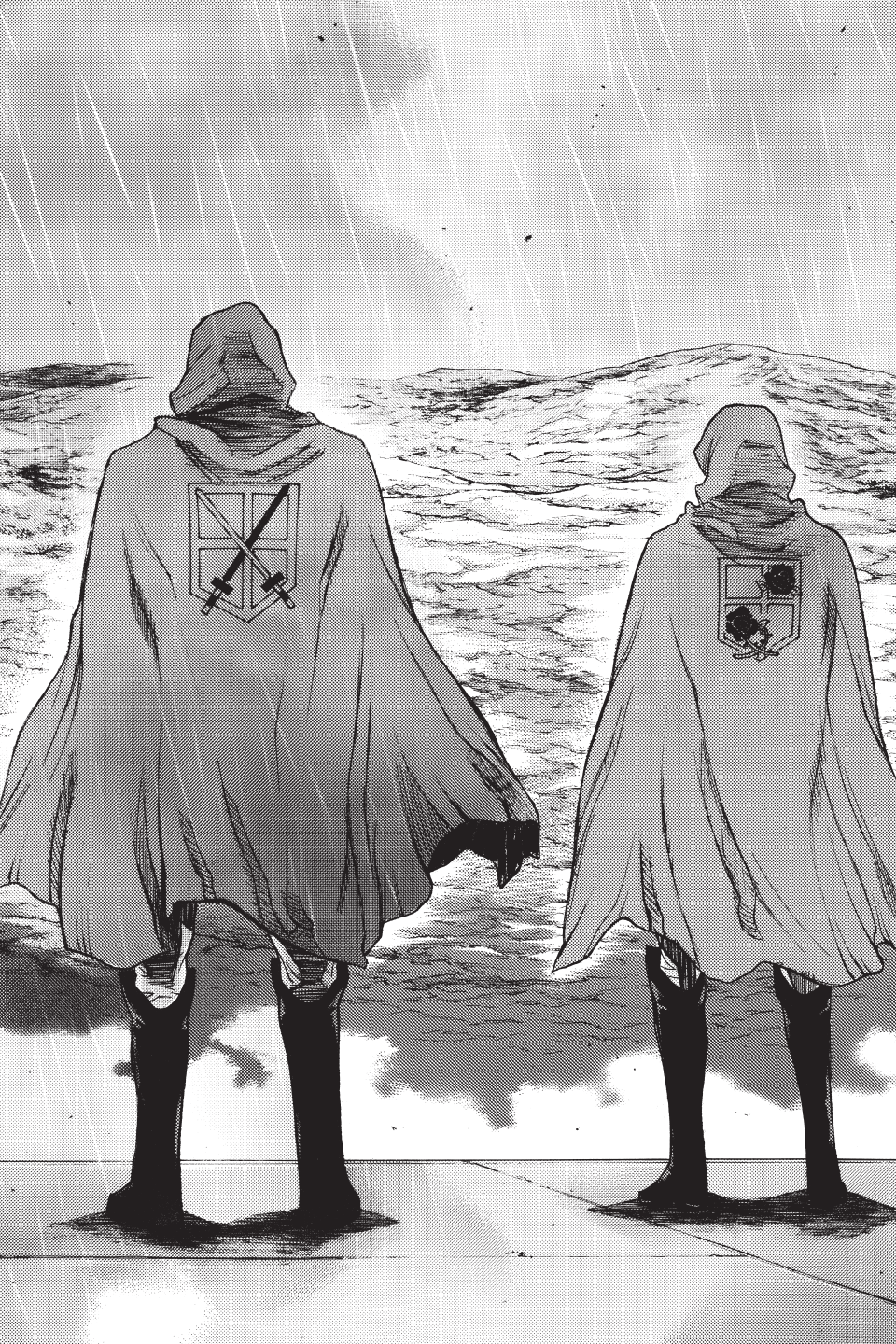
I...

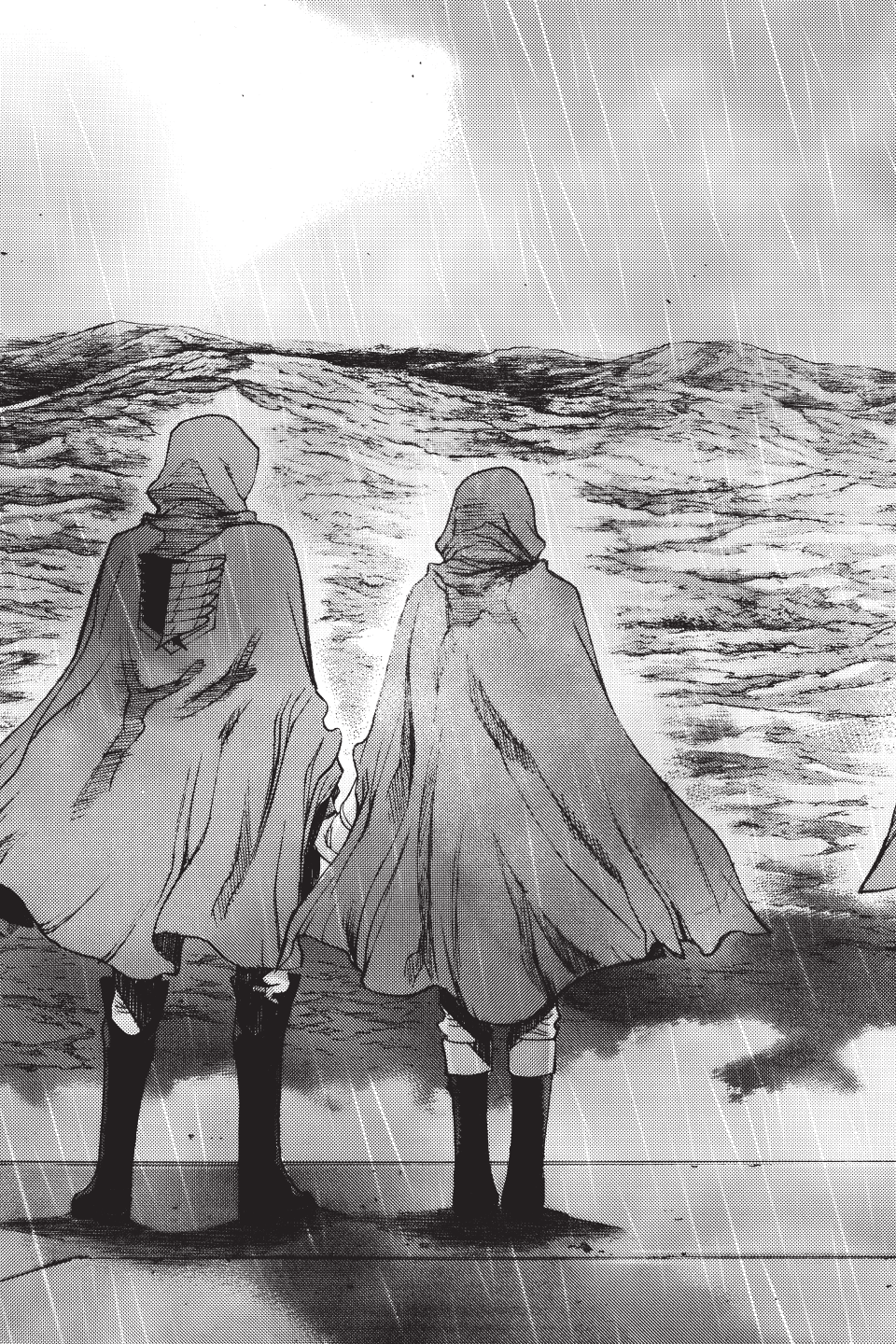
I'M SORRY ...

IT'S BEEN TWO AND A HALF YEARS SINCE I SAW A TITAN...

...AND IT'S STILL...

YOU'LL BE FINE.





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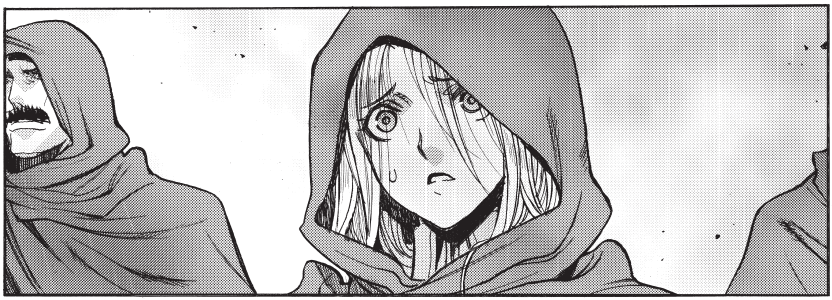
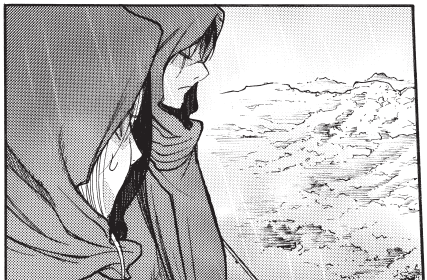
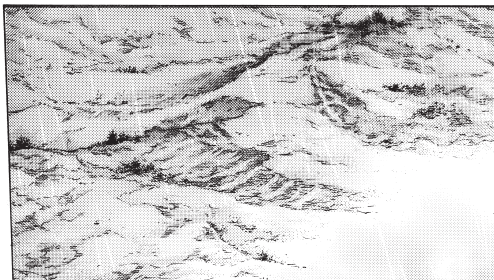
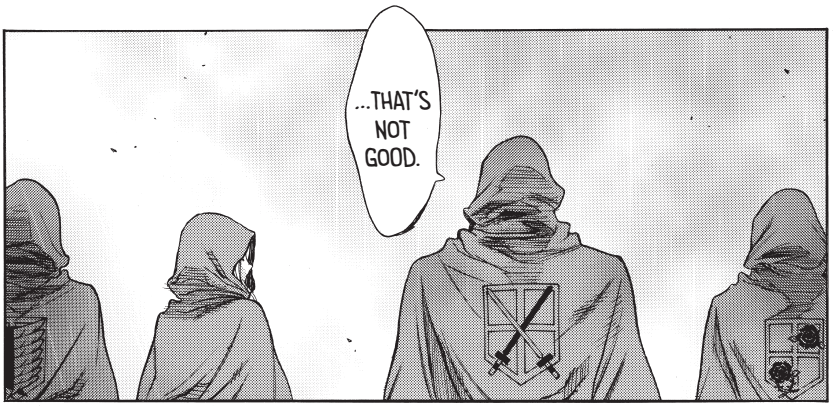


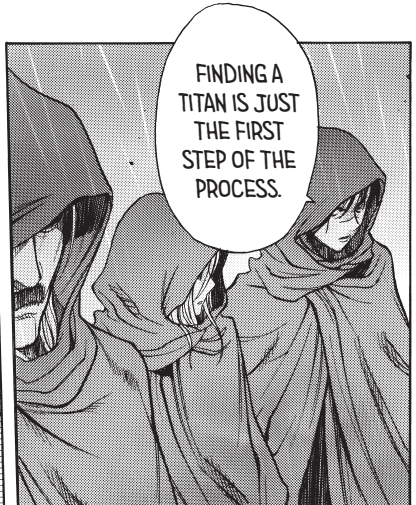


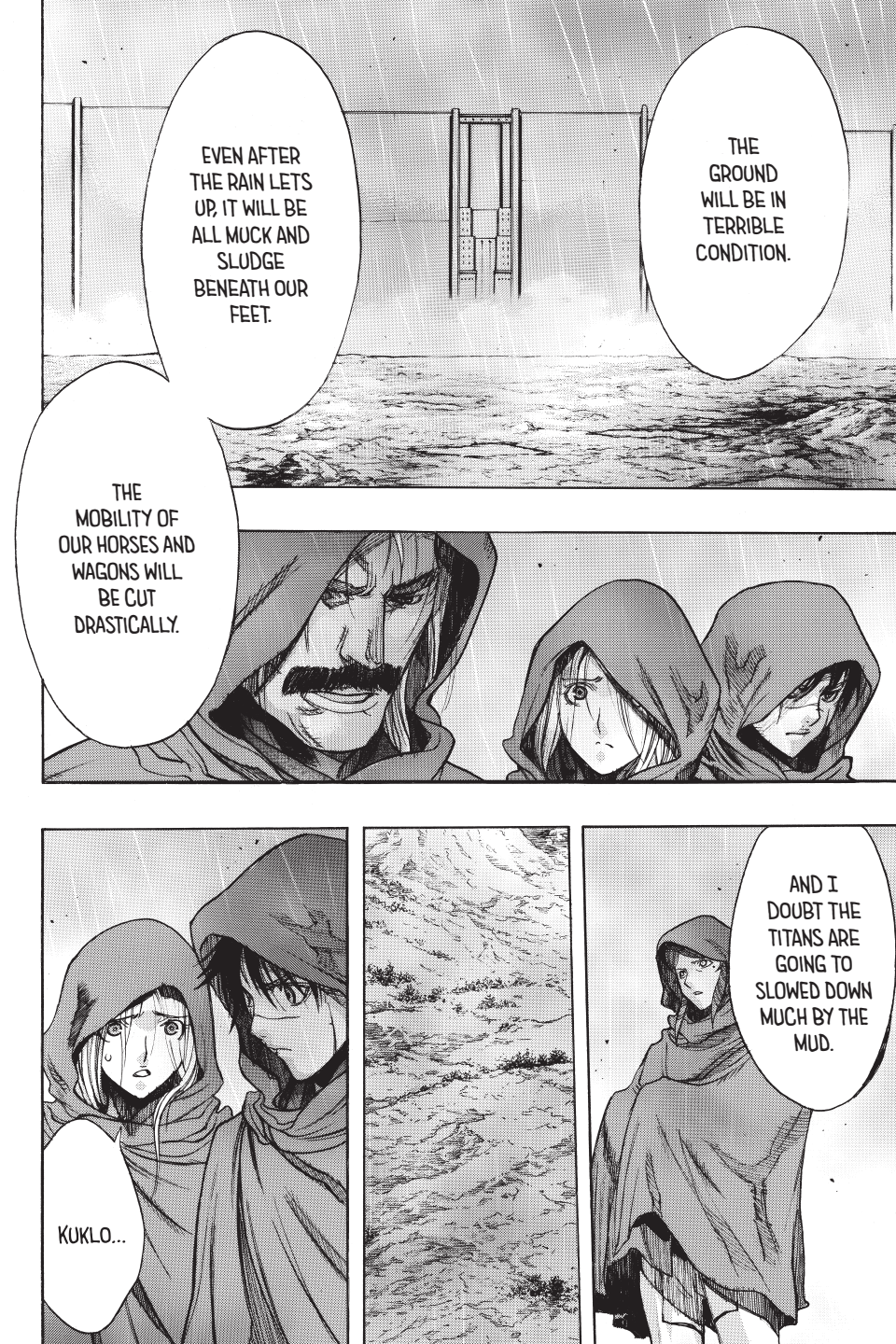


WHERE ARE THEY ...?
THE TITANS HATE RAIN AS MUCH AS WE DO, IT SEEMS.
THEY HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND IN DAYS.

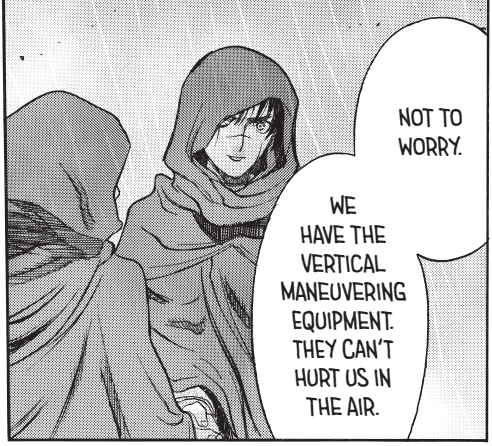

...THAT'S NOT GOOD.

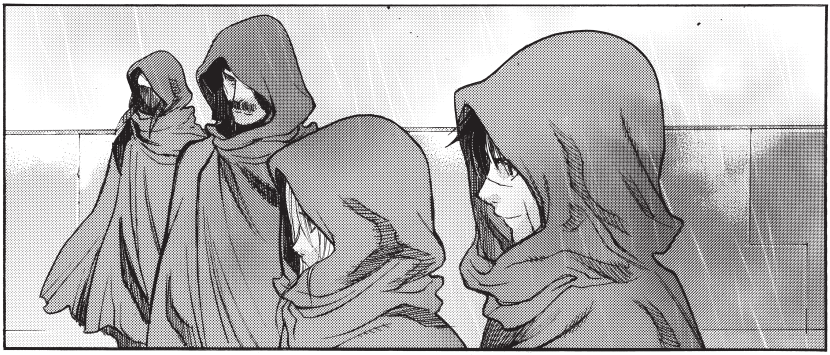
TRUE. BUT, MORE THAN THAT...

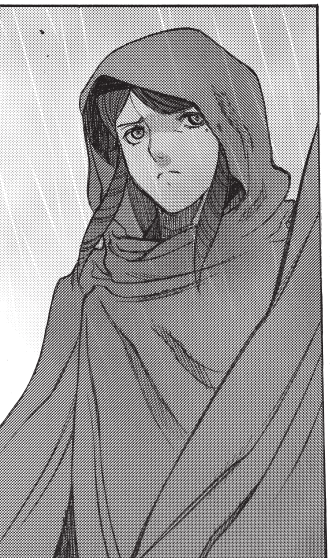

FINDING A TITAN IS JUST THE FIRST STEP OF THE PROCESS.

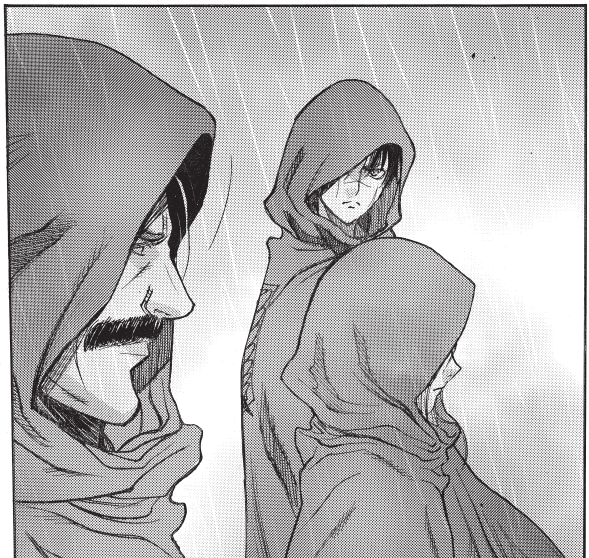

THE GROUND WILL BE IN TERRIBLE CONDITION.
EVEN AFTER THE RAIN LETS UP, IT WILL BE ALL MUCK AND SLUDGE BENEATH OUR FEET.
THE MOBILITY OF OUR HORSES AND WAGONS WILL BE CUT DRASTICALLY.
AND I DOUBT THE TITANS ARE GOING TO SLOWED DOWN MUCH BY THE MUD.
KUKLO...

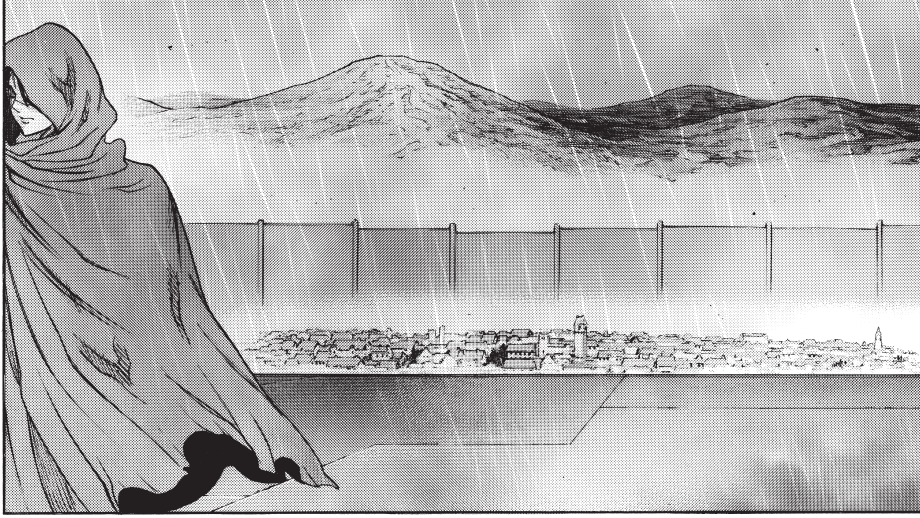
GOOD-NESS...
IS THAT SO?

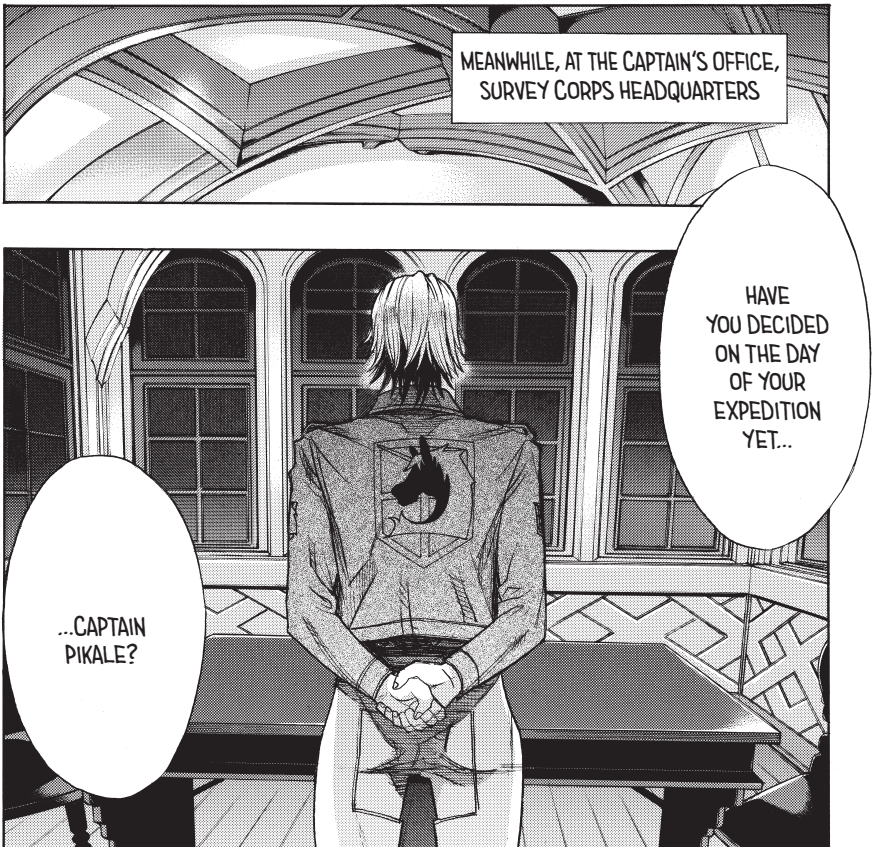

NOT TO WORRY.
WE HAVE THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT. THEY CAN'T HURT US IN THE AIR.










MEANWHILE, AT THE CAPTAIN'S OFFICE, SURVEY CORPS HEADQUARTERS
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON THE DAY OF YOUR EXPEDITION YET...
...CAPTAIN PIKALE?

I HAVE AN URGENT LETTER FROM CAPTAIN BERNHART IN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY THAT REQUIRES A RESPONSE.
YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE.
EVEN YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE CANNOT LEAVE ON AN EXPEDITION WHILE THIS RAIN CONTINUES...
...MONITOR INOCENCIO.
THERE ARE FOUR DAYS UNTIL THE DEADLINE.

DO NOT FORGET THAT IF YOU DO NOT RETURN FROM THE EXPEDITION WITH RESULTS BY THEN, THE SURVEY CORPS WILL BE OFFICIALLY DISBANDED.

...I'M SORRY.

I WILL NOT PUT MY SOLDIERS' LIVES AT RISK IN VAIN!!
WHAM

WHAT WILL YOU DO, THEN?

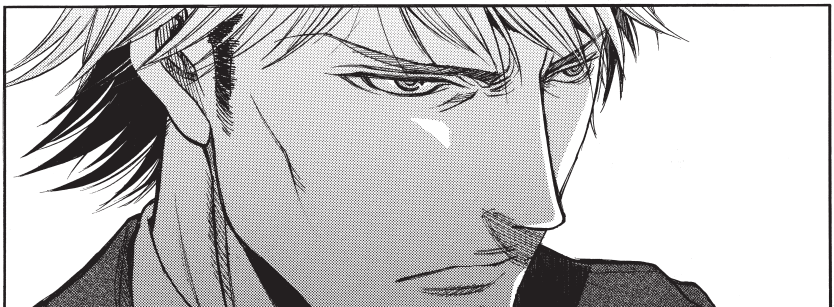
BUT...IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY TO SEND OUT AN EXPEDITION IN THIS WEATHER.

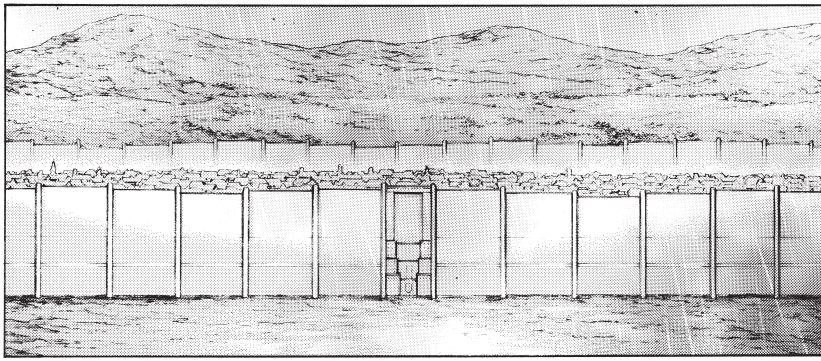
I HAVE INSTRUCTOR JORGE OBSERVING CONDITIONS OUTSIDE THE WALL.
I SEE.
WE WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER AT AN OFFICERS' MEETING TONIGHT.

EVEN IF THE RAIN STOPS, IF THE GROUND DOES NOT DRY AND IMPROVE...
...I INTEND TO CALL OFF THE EXPEDITION.

I PRAY THAT IT WILL NOT COME TO THAT.

I WOULD HATE TO DISAPPOINT CAPTAIN BERNHART.





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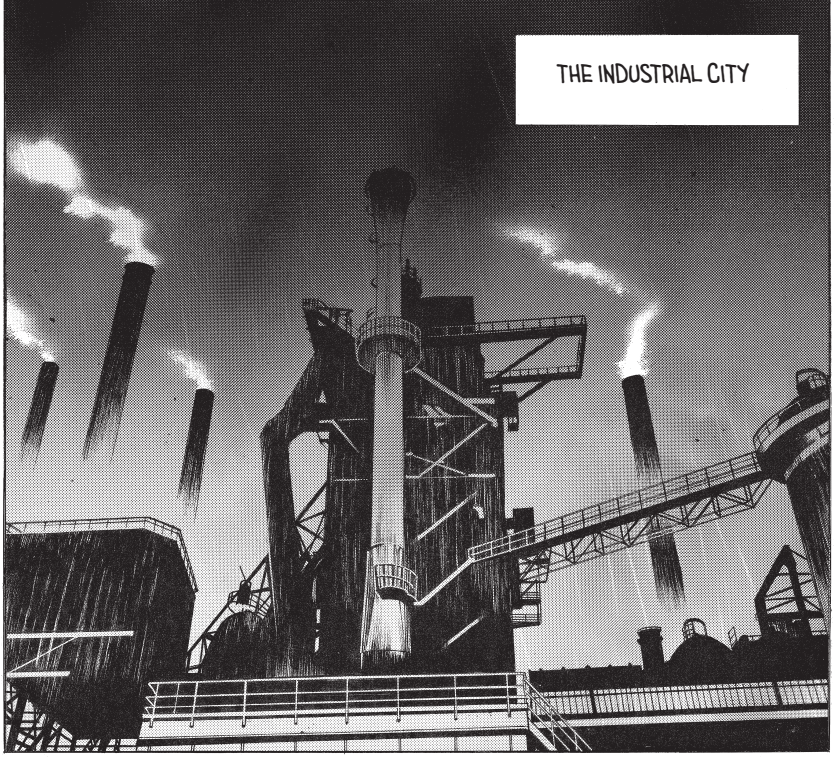
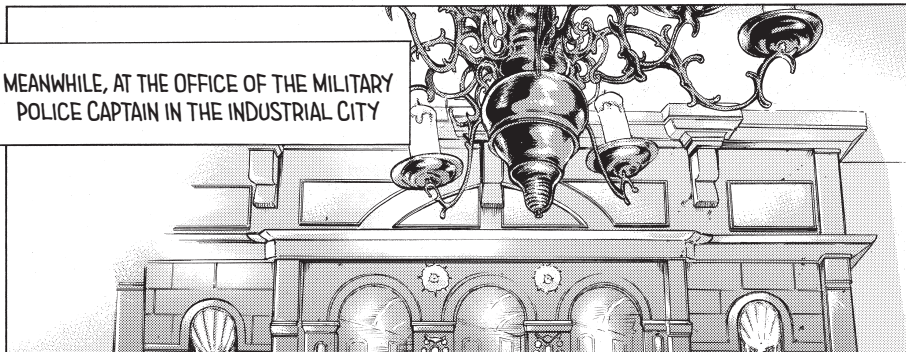
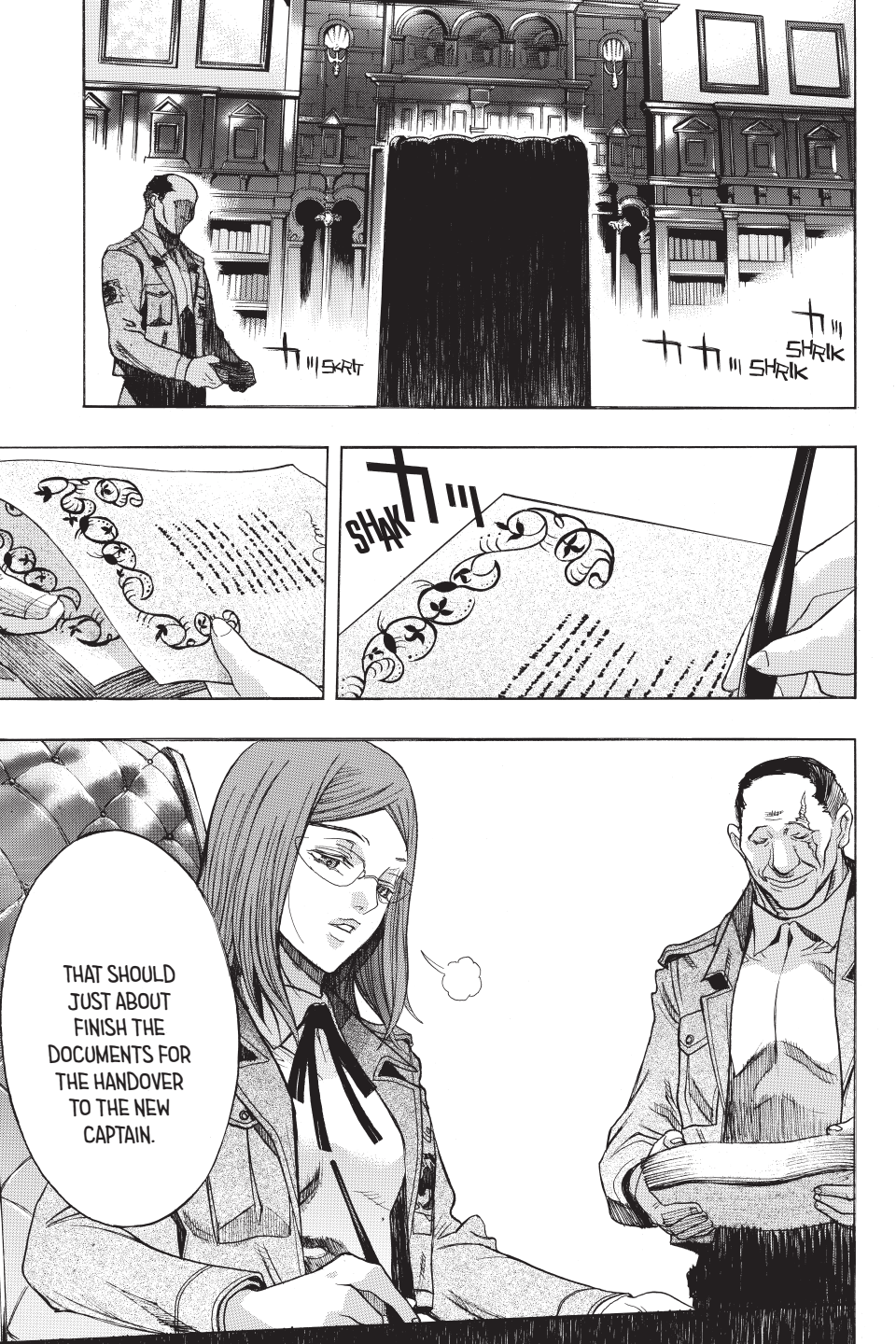

THE INDUSTRIAL CITY


MEANWHILE, AT THE OFFICE OF THE MILITARY POLICE CAPTAIN IN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY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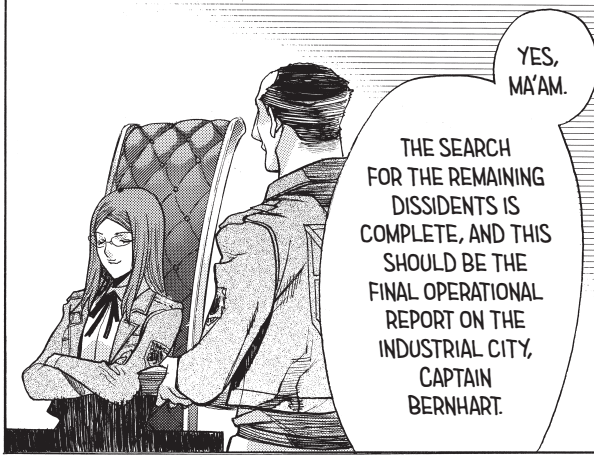
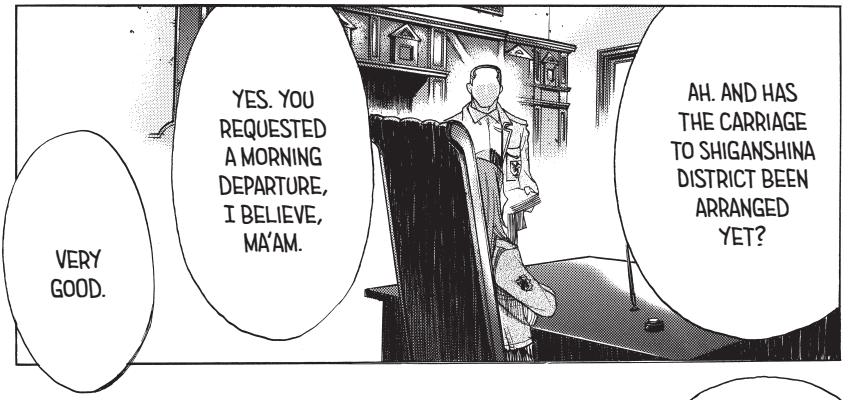
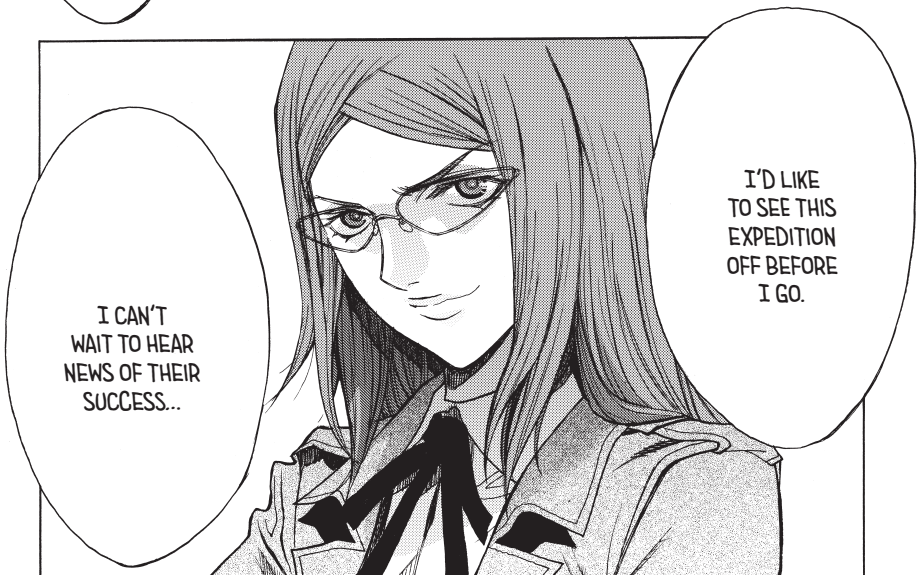
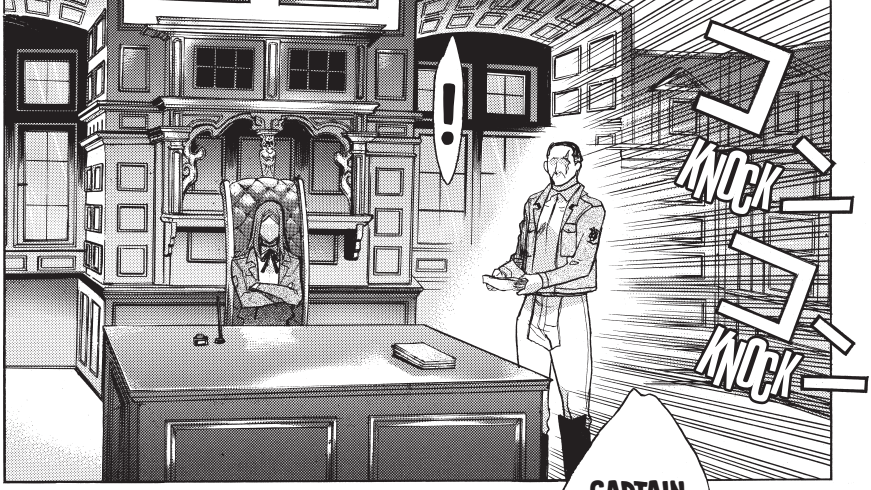
THAT SHOULD JUST ABOUT FINISH THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE HANDOVER TO THE NEW CAPTAIN.

AFTER YOU RETURN TO SHIGANSHINA, YOU SIMPLY HAVE PATROL REPORTS TO INSPECT.


YES, MA'AM.
THE SEARCH FOR THE REMAINING DISSIDENTS IS COMPLETE, AND THIS SHOULD BE THE FINAL OPERATIONAL REPORT ON THE INDUSTRIAL CITY, CAPTAIN BERNHART.


AH. AND HAS THE CARRIAGE TO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT BEEN ARRANGED YET?
YES. YOU REQUESTED A MORNING DEPARTURE, I BELIEVE, MA'AM.
VERY GOOD.


I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS EXPEDITION OFF BEFORE I GO.
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR NEWS OF THEIR SUCCESS...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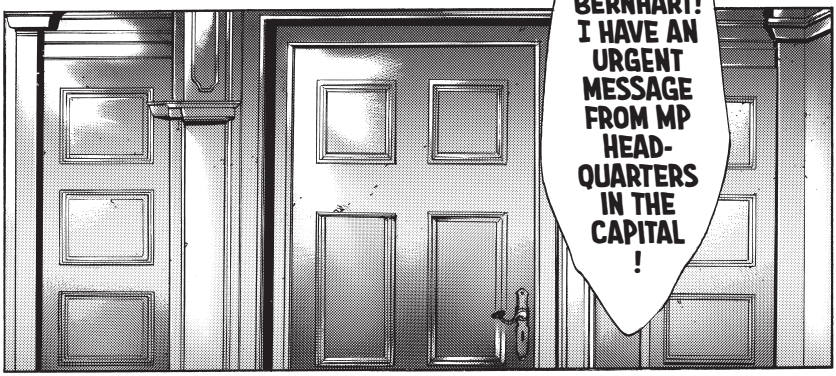
CAPTAIN BERNHART! I HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM MP HEAD-QUARTERS IN THE CAPITAL !

PAR-DON ME!
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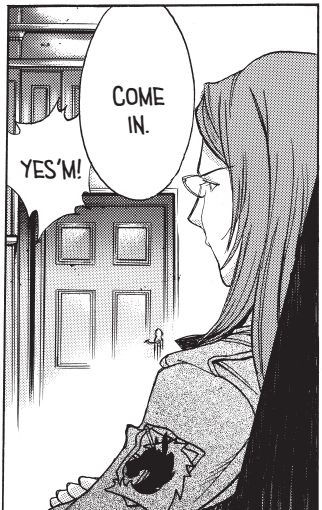
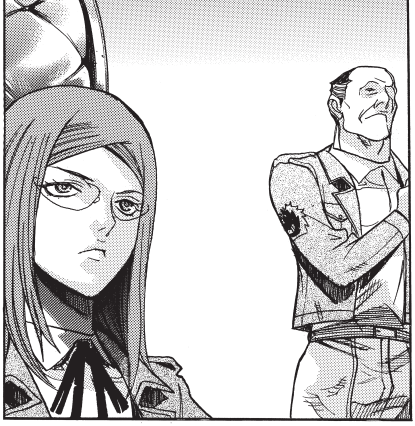
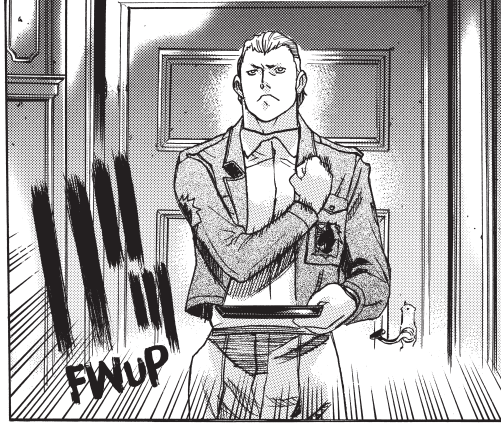
CLICK


COME IN.
YES'M!

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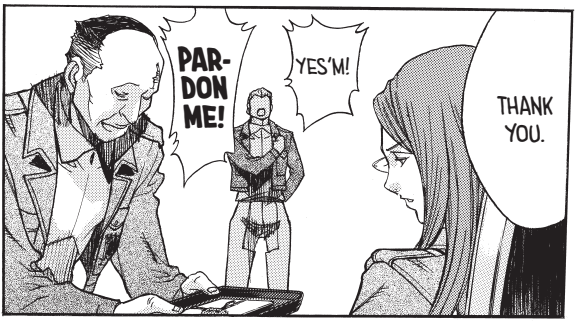
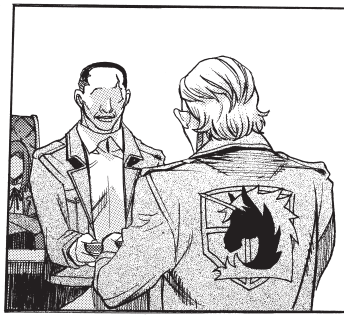
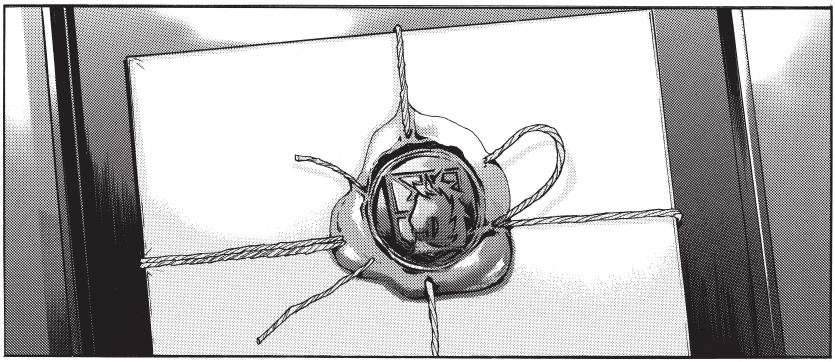
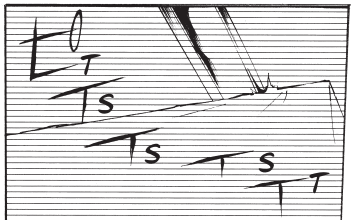
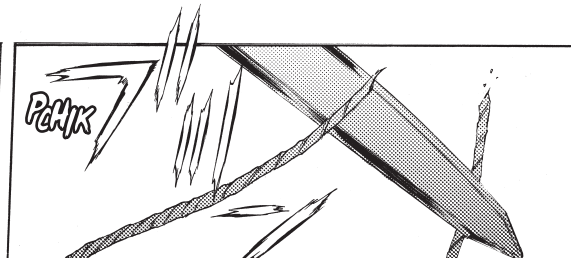

PAR-DON ME!
YES'M!
THANK YOU.





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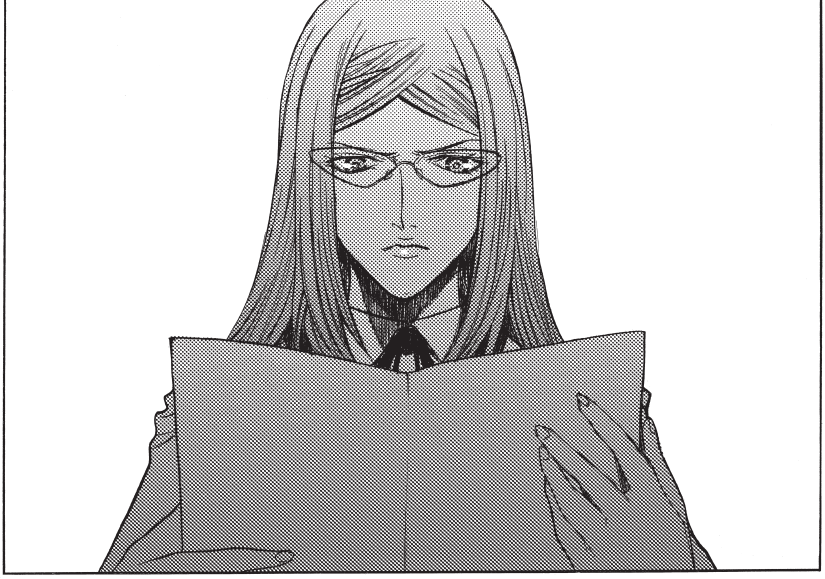
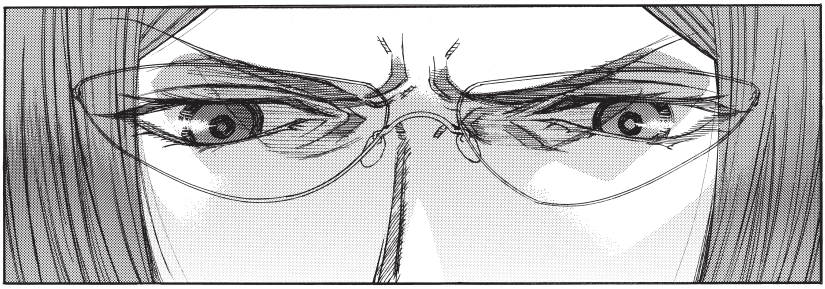
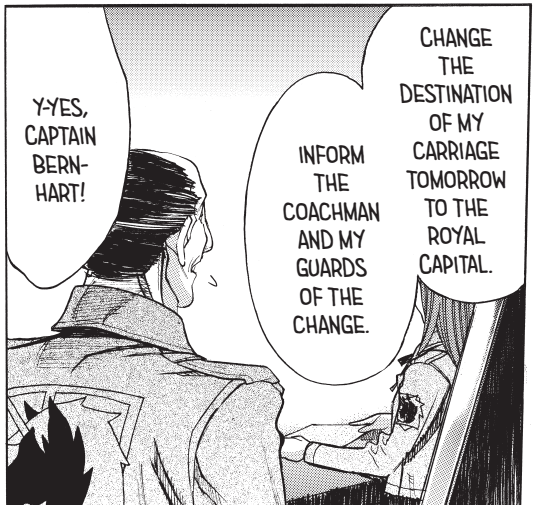
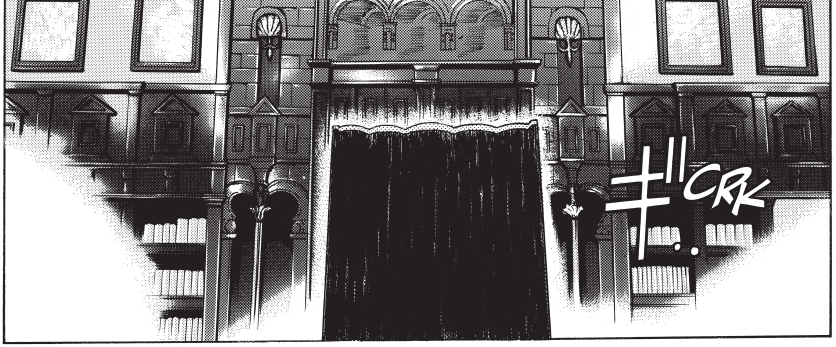




I'LL DO IT AT ONCE!
THUMP


Y-YES, CAPTAIN BERN-HART!
INFORM THE COACHMAN AND MY GUARDS OF THE CHANGE.
CHANGE THE DESTINATION OF MY CARRIAGE TOMORROW TO THE ROYAL CAPITAL.

YES, MA'AM!
AIDE.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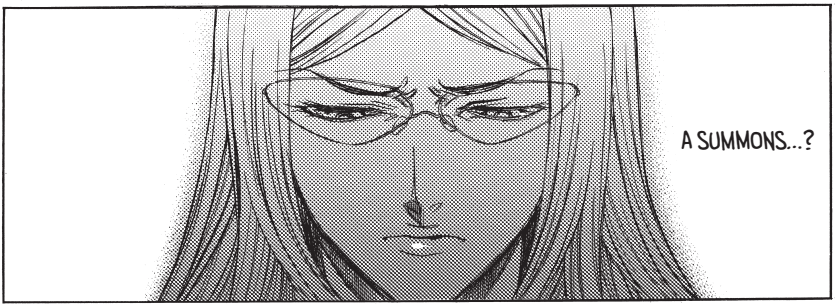
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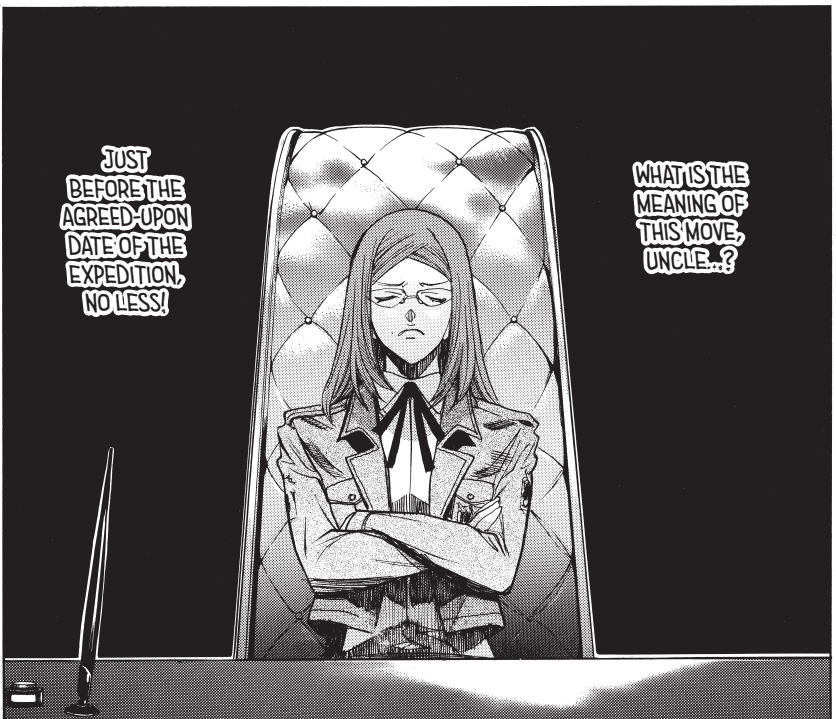
JUST BEFORE THE AGREED-UPON DATE OF THE EXPEDITION, NO LESS!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS MOVE, UNCLE...?

Chapter 57: Before the Expedition · End

ATTACK ON TITAN
BEFORE THE FALL

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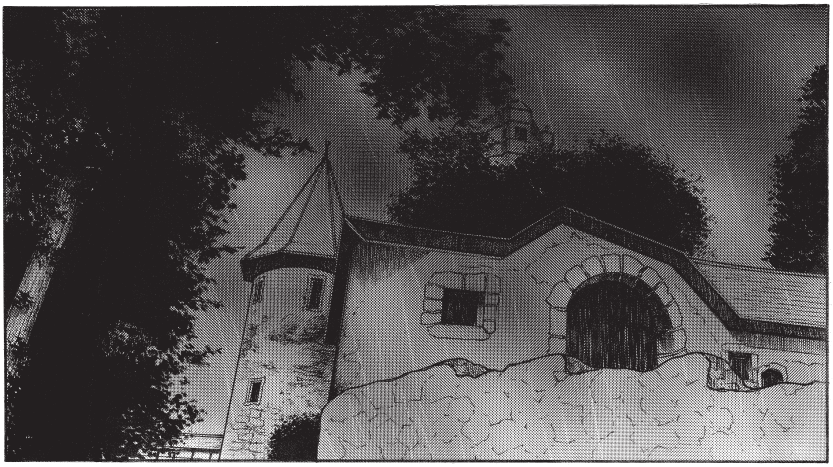

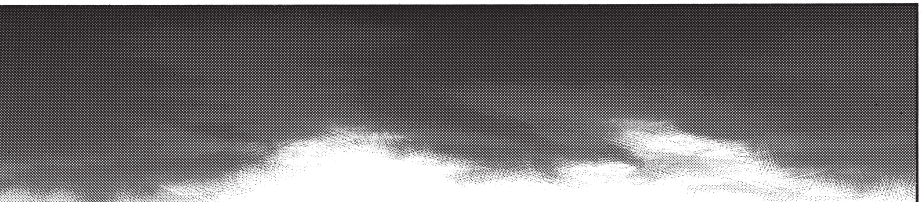

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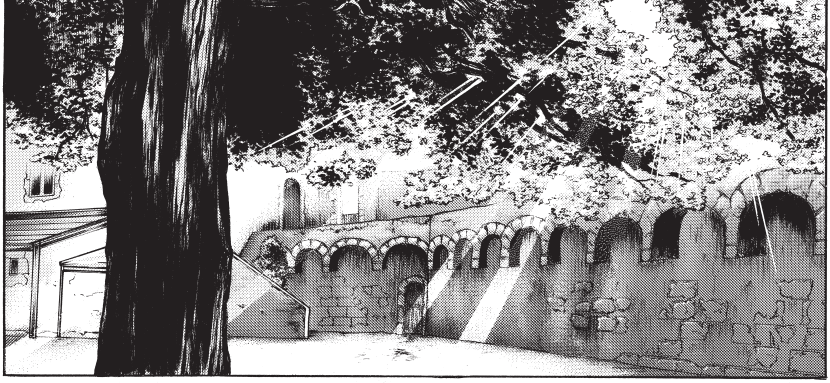

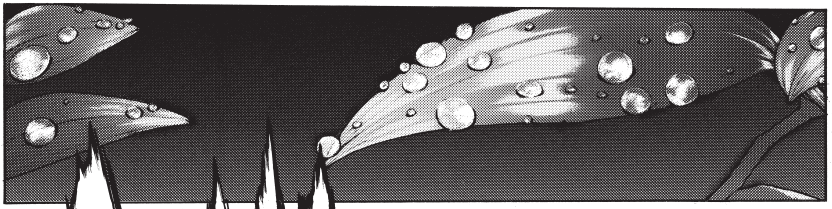

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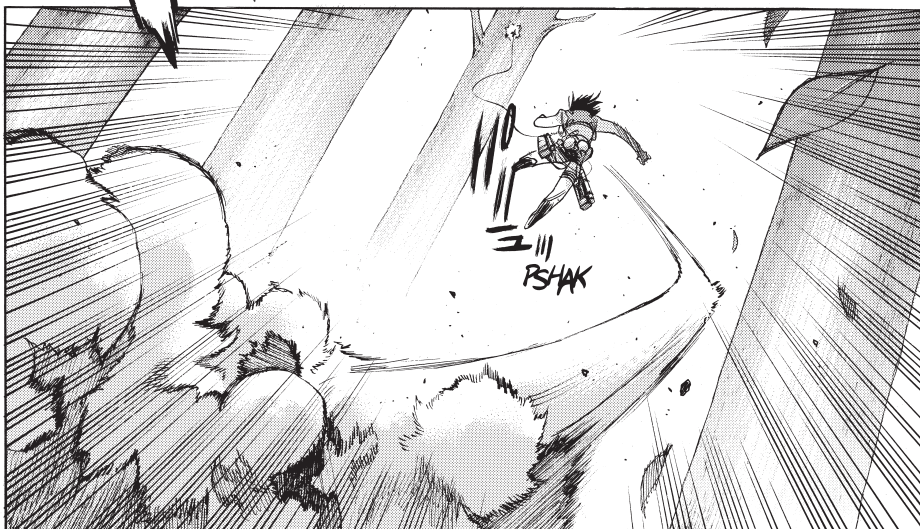
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GREEEEE
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TEK
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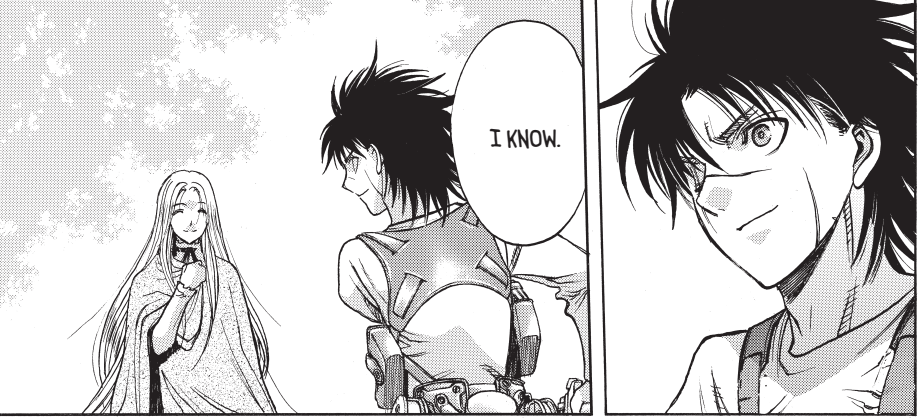
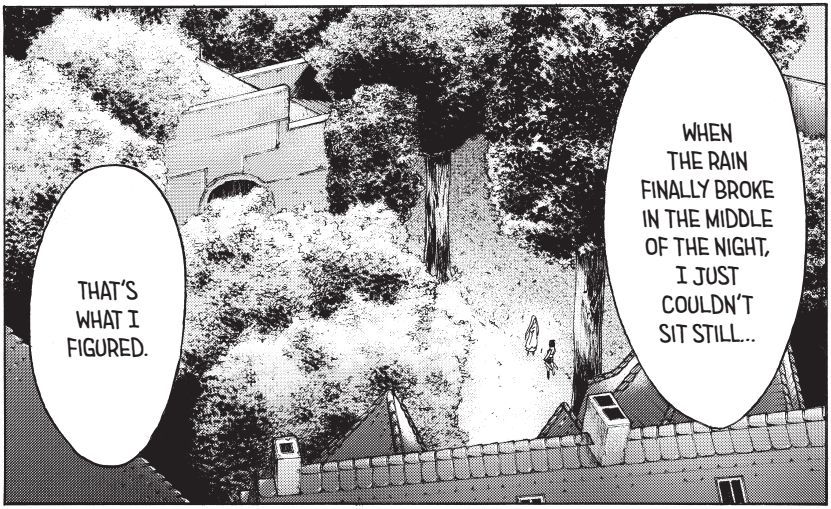
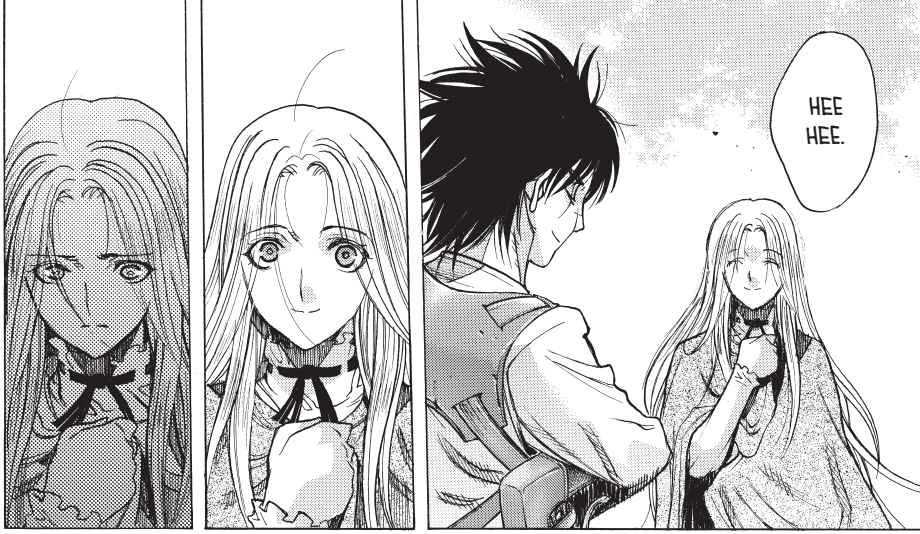
THAT WAS FAST.


I KNOW.


WHEN THE RAIN FINALLY BROKE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, I JUST COULDN'T SIT STILL...
THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED.

IT'S WHY I DECIDED TO COME HERE, JUST IN CASE.
I THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND YOU HERE, TOO.
OH... I SEE.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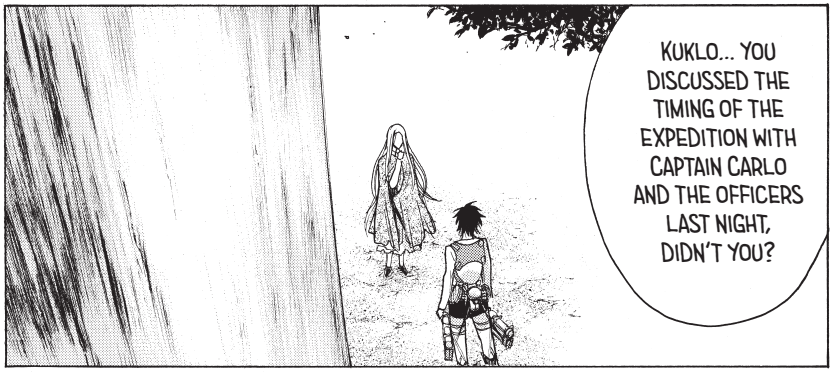
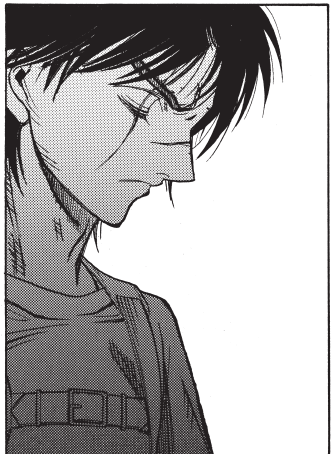
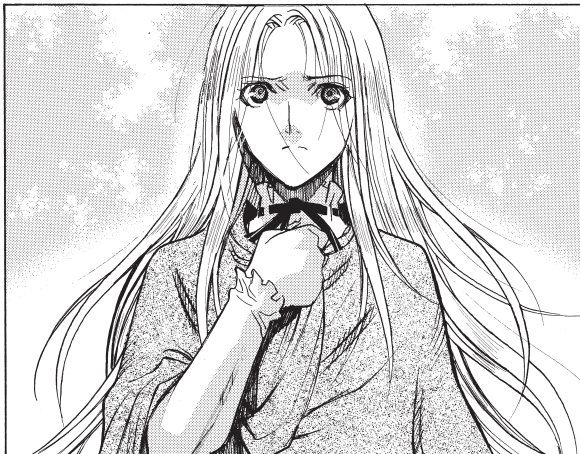
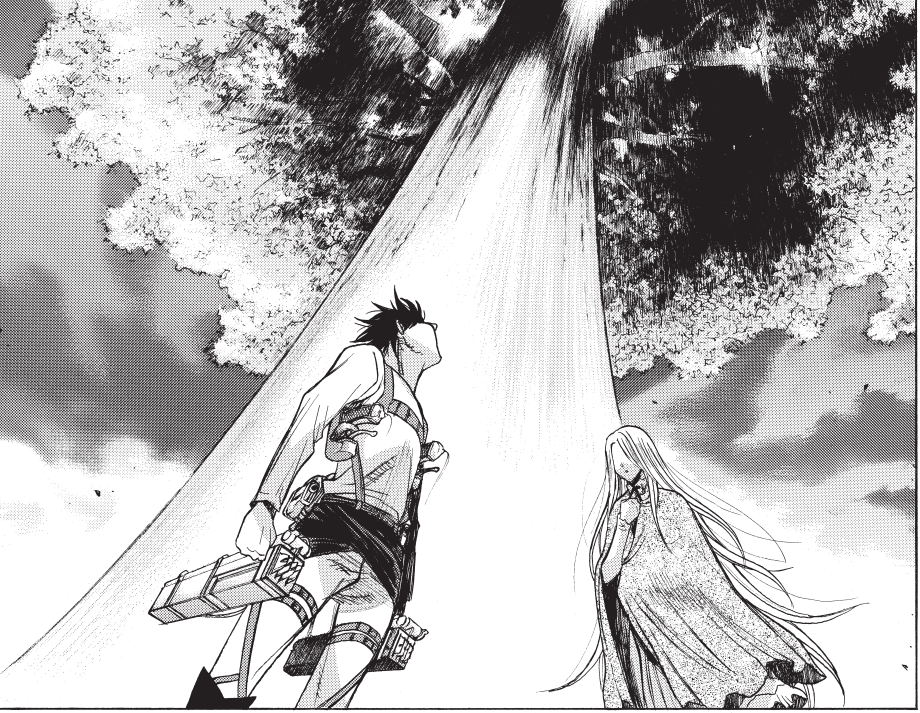

KUKLO... YOU DISCUSSED THE TIMING OF THE EXPEDITION WITH CAPTAIN CARLO AND THE OFFICERS LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?







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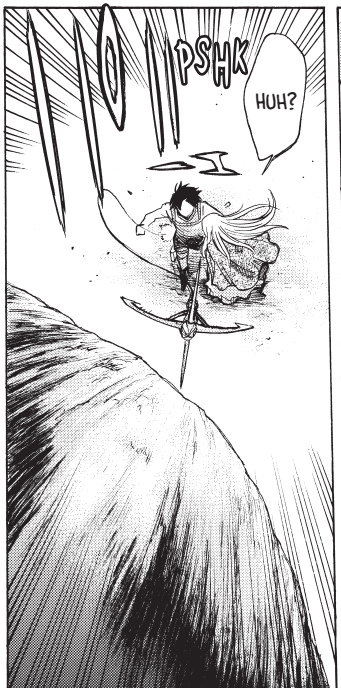
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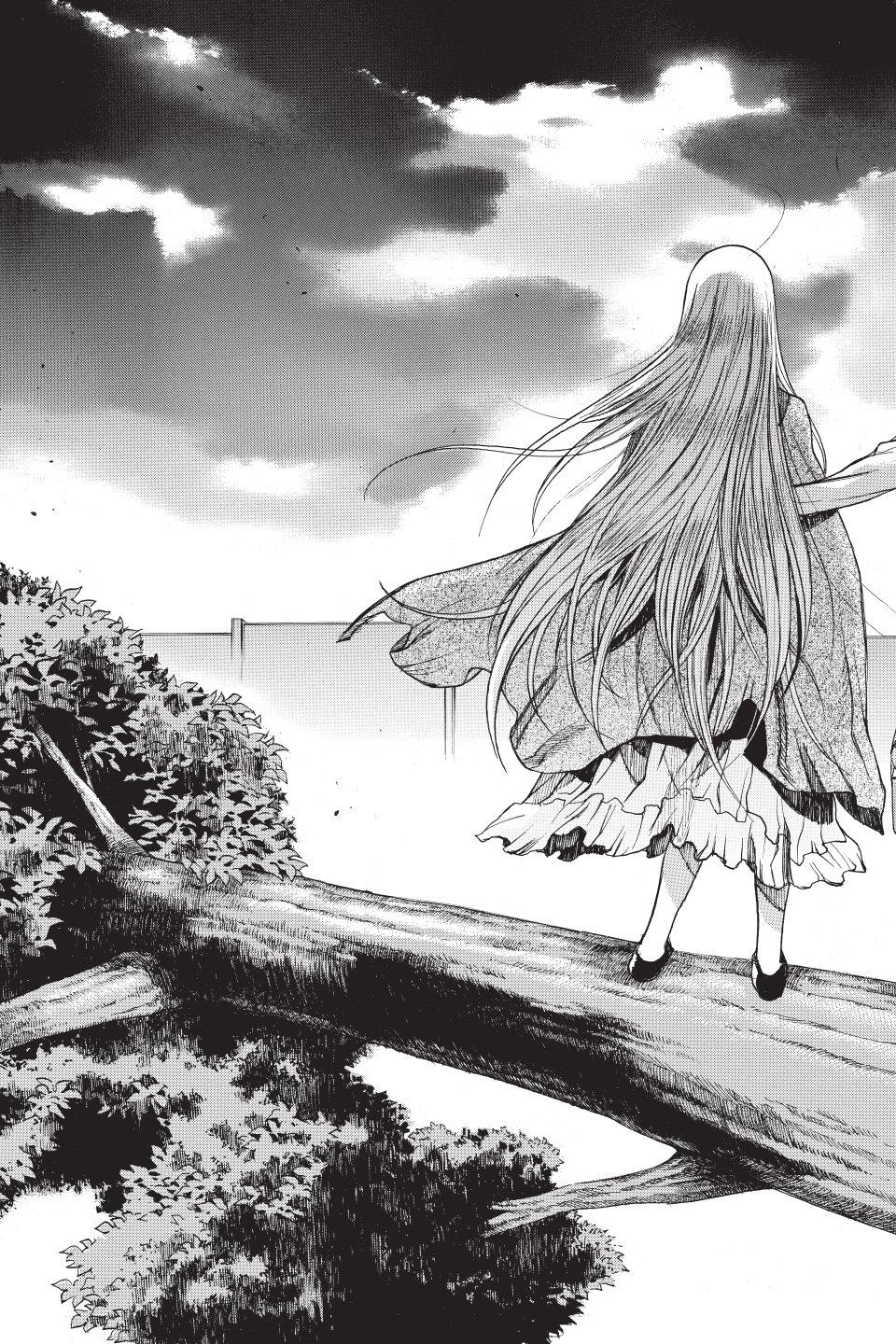
HUH?

SHARLE.

BOOOM

THAPPA THWAP
TEK



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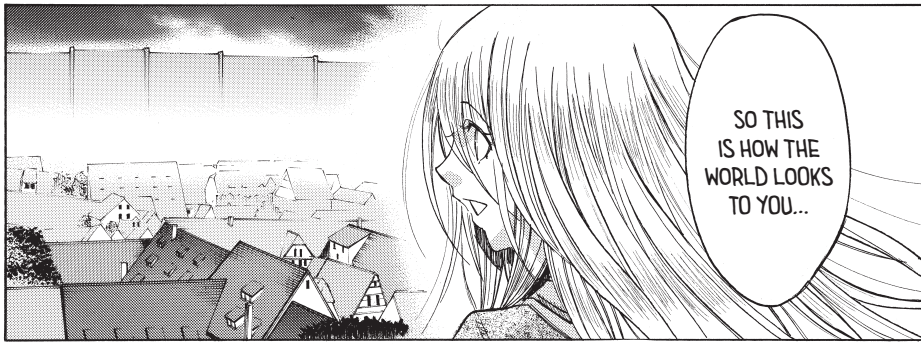
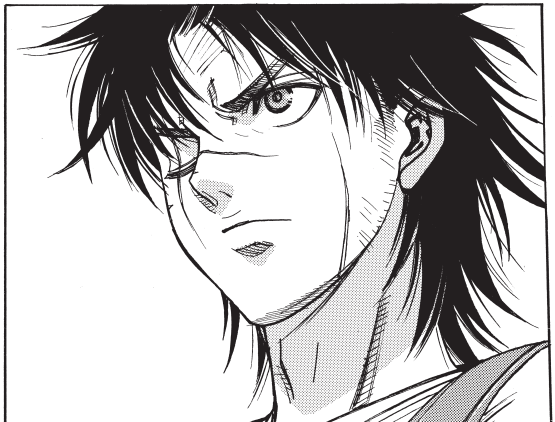
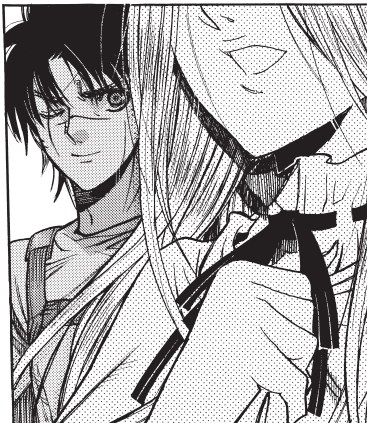

SO THIS IS HOW THE WORLD LOOKS TO YOU...





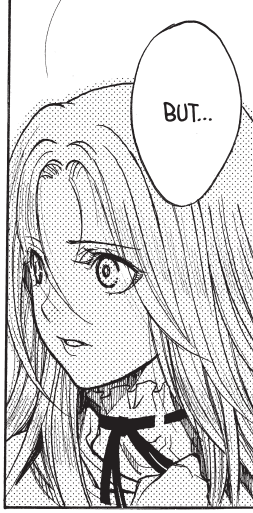
AS LONG AS THE RAIN DOES NOT RETURN, WILL WE BE LEAVING TOMORROW.

SO IT'S FINALLY TIME...

IN THE END, THE DECISION WAS MADE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF WE DETERMINED WE COULDN'T GO ON, WE WOULD RETREAT AT ONCE, TITAN OR NO.

INSTRUCTOR JORGE ARGUED AGAINST IT, AND CAPTAIN CARLO CONSIDERED IT ALL VERY CAREFULLY.

...YOU WERE PLANNING ON GOING ON THIS EXPEDITION FROM THE START NO MATTER WHAT, WEREN'T YOU?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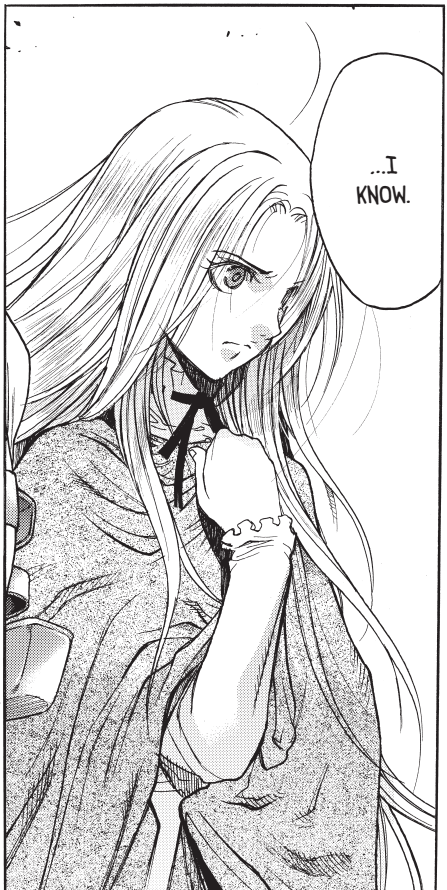
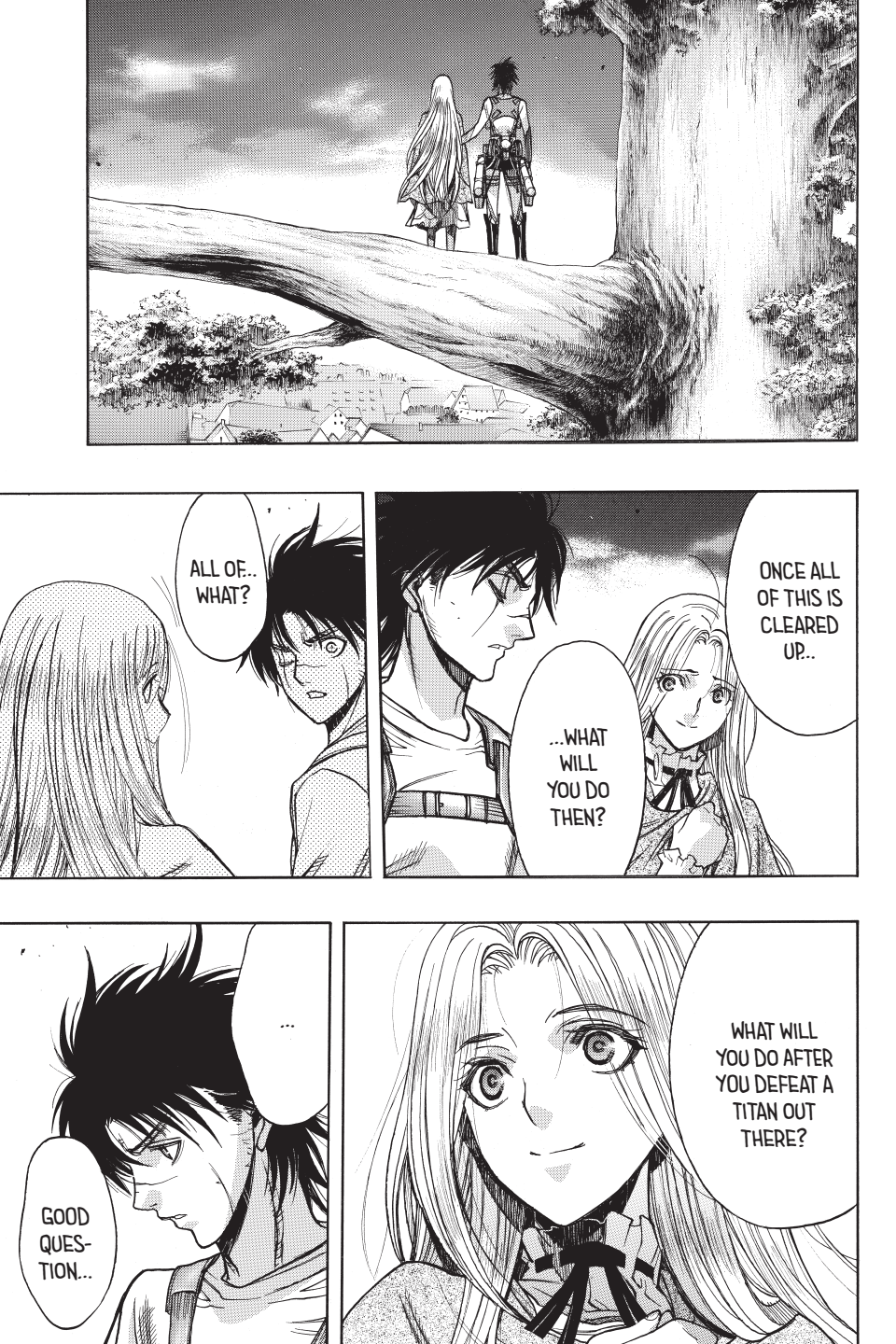
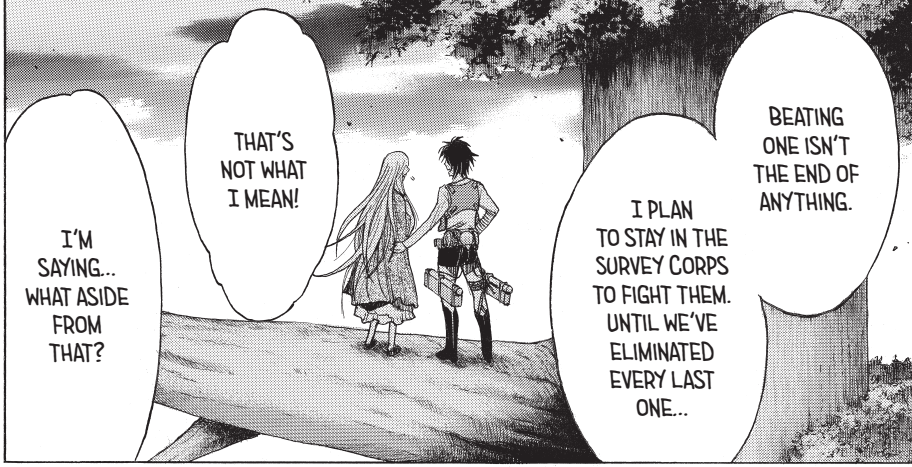
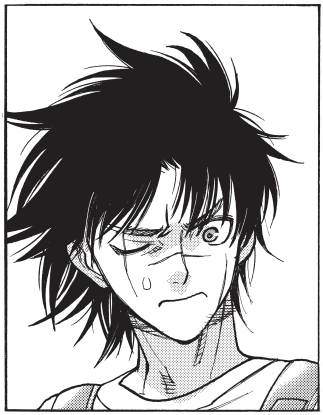
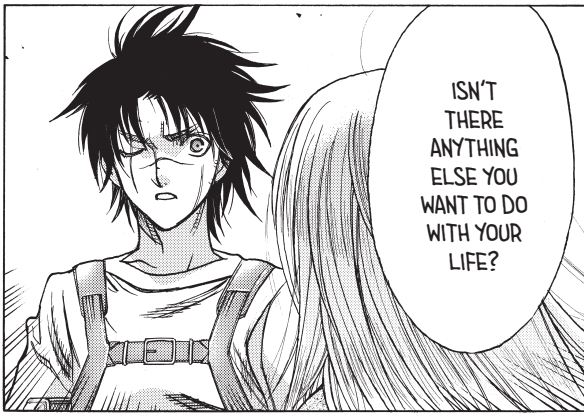

...I KNOW.

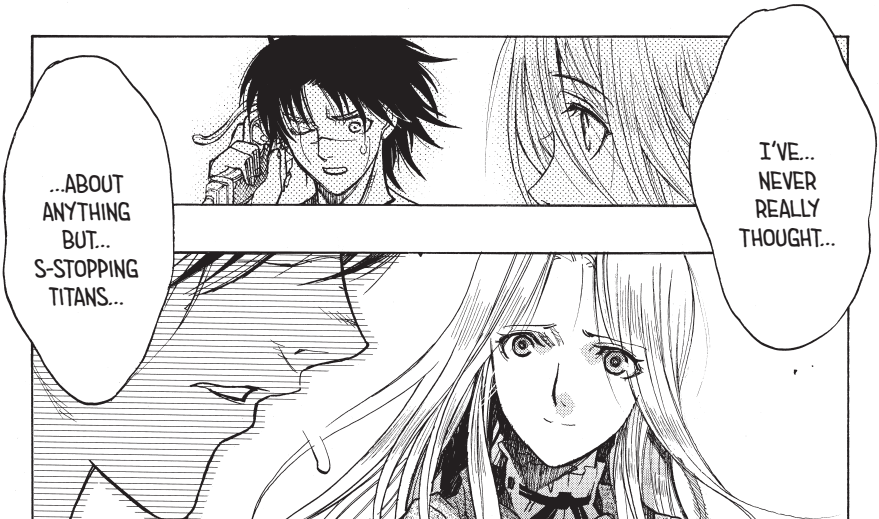
WE HAPPEN TO BELIEVE...
...THAT HUMANITY HAS NO FUTURE IF WE DON'T.

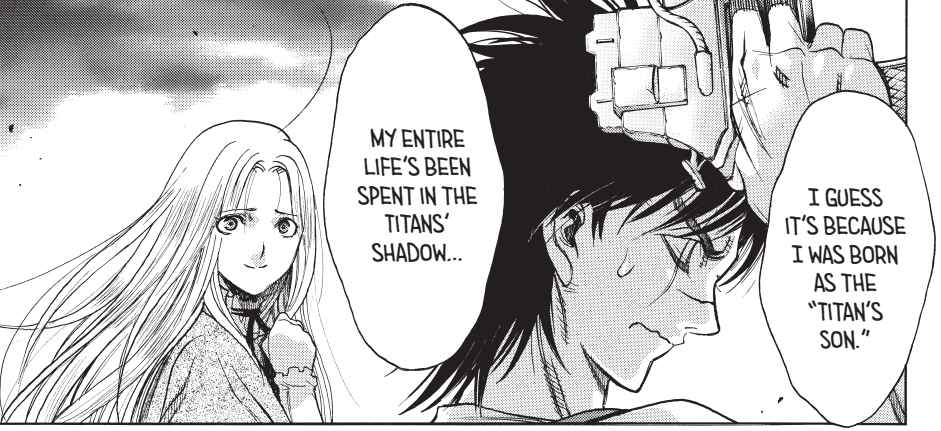

ALL OF... WHAT?
ONCE ALL OF THIS IS CLEARED UP...
...WHAT WILL YOU DO THEN?
...
GOOD QUES-TION...
WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER YOU DEFEAT A TITAN OUT THERE?

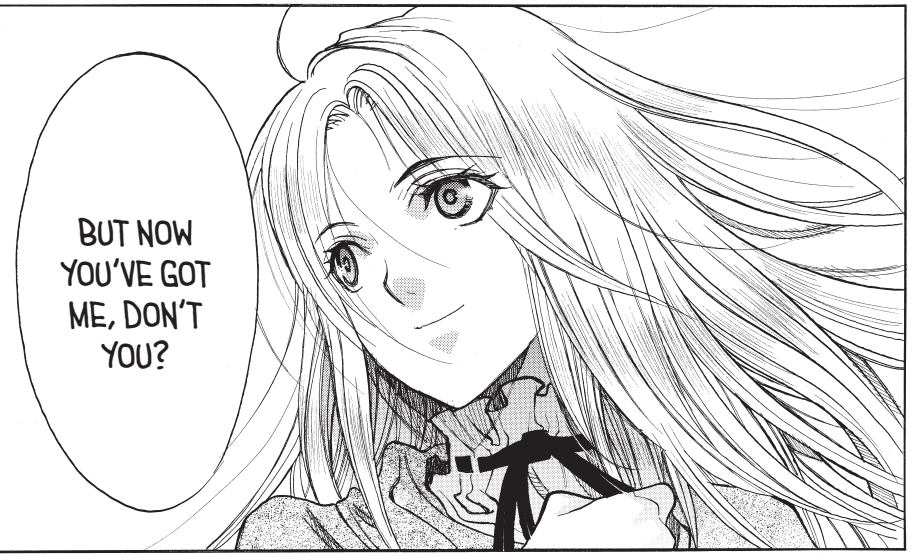

I'M SAYING... WHAT ASIDE FROM THAT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
I PLAN TO STAY IN THE SURVEY CORPS TO FIGHT THEM. UNTIL WE'VE ELIMINATED EVERY LAST ONE...
BEATING ONE ISN'T THE END OF ANYTHING.



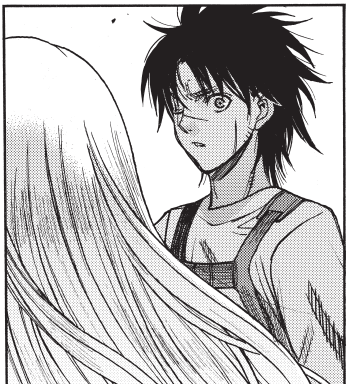

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

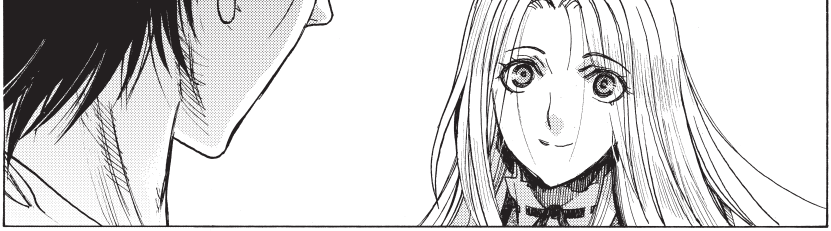

...ABOUT ANYTHING BUT... S-STOPPING TITANS...
I'VE... NEVER REALLY THOUGHT...


I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I WAS BORN AS THE "TITAN'S SON."
MY ENTIRE LIFE'S BEEN SPENT IN THE TITANS' SHADOW...


BUT NOW YOU'VE GOT ME, DON'T YOU?

OH... YEAH, I'VE GOT YOU.
YOU'RE HERE FOR ME.

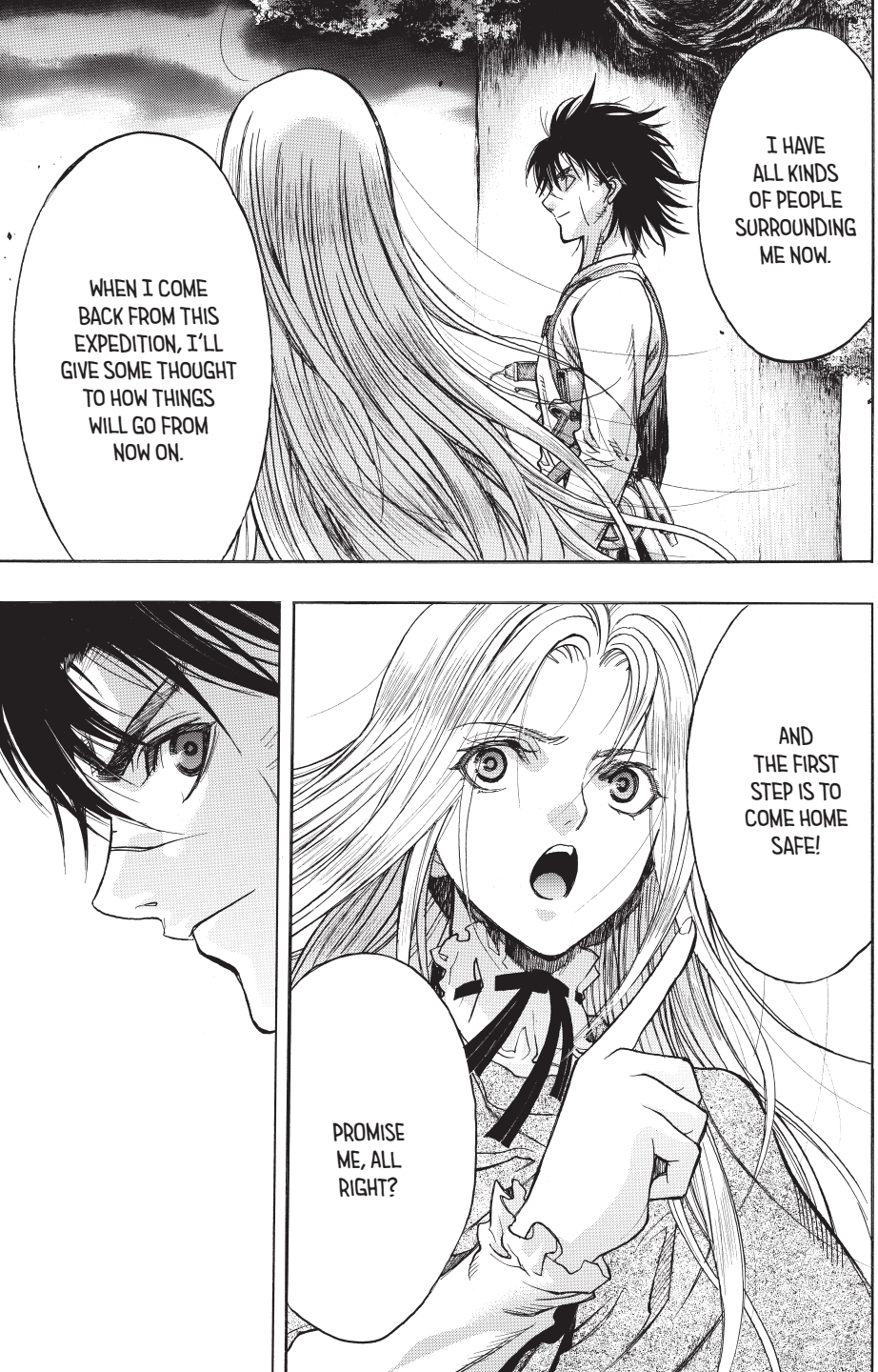




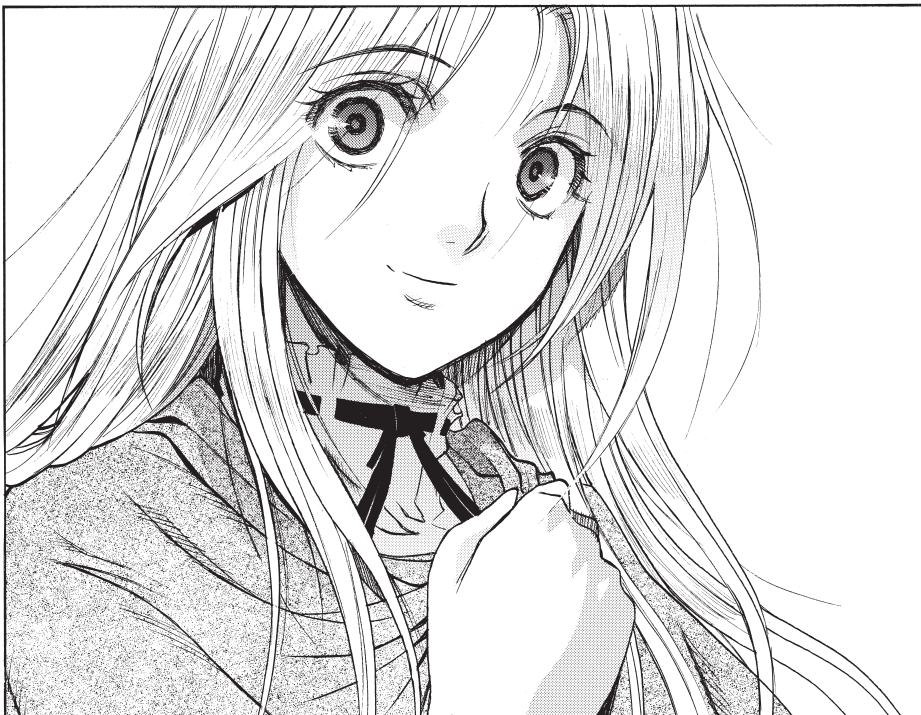
IT'S NOT JUST ME, EITHER.
THERE'S ALSO CARDINA...
...AND INSTRUCTOR JORGE, AND FOREMAN XENOPHON...

YEAH...
THAT'S TRUE.

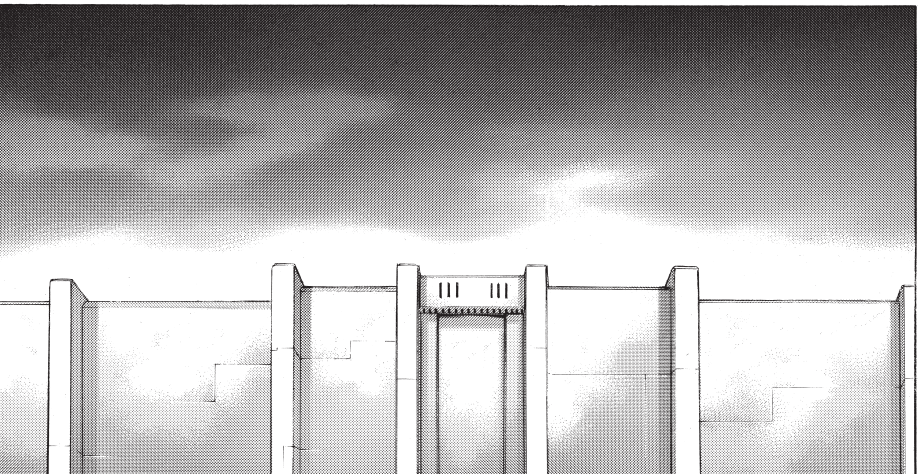
AND I BET ROSA AND HER GANG WILL BE YOUR FRIENDS, TOO.


I HAVE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE SURROUNDING ME NOW.
WHEN I COME BACK FROM THIS EXPEDITION, I'LL GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO HOW THINGS WILL GO FROM NOW ON.
AND THE FIRST STEP IS TO COME HOME SAFE!
PROMISE ME, ALL RIGHT?

I PROMISE.



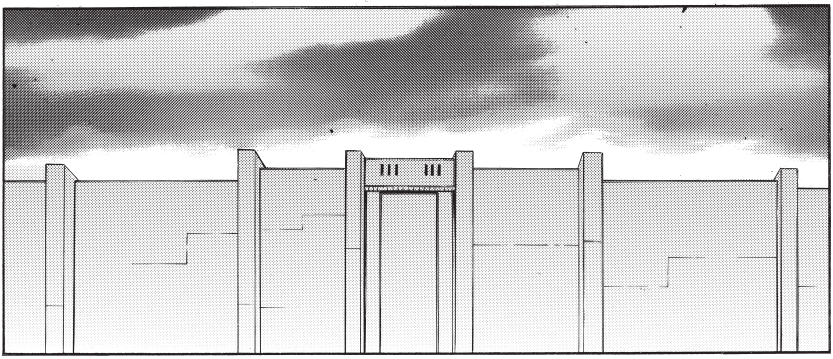
GLAD TO HEAR IT.

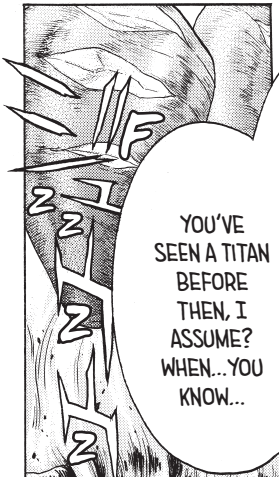


FIZZ
YOU HEAR THE SURVEY CORPS'S GOIN' ON AN EXPEDI-TION?
NO KIDDIN'!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT? WHAT... A YEAR SINCE THE LAST ONE, ALMOST?
I HEAR THAT LAST EXPEDITION WAS A VERY BAD ONE.
TROOPS WIPED OUT. JUST ABOUT ALL THE SURVIVORS QUIT THE CORPS.
SO DOES THAT MEAN MOST OF THE SOLDIERS ON THIS ONE ARE JUST GREEN RECRUITS?
FZZZ

AGAINST THE **MONSTERS** OUT THERE...

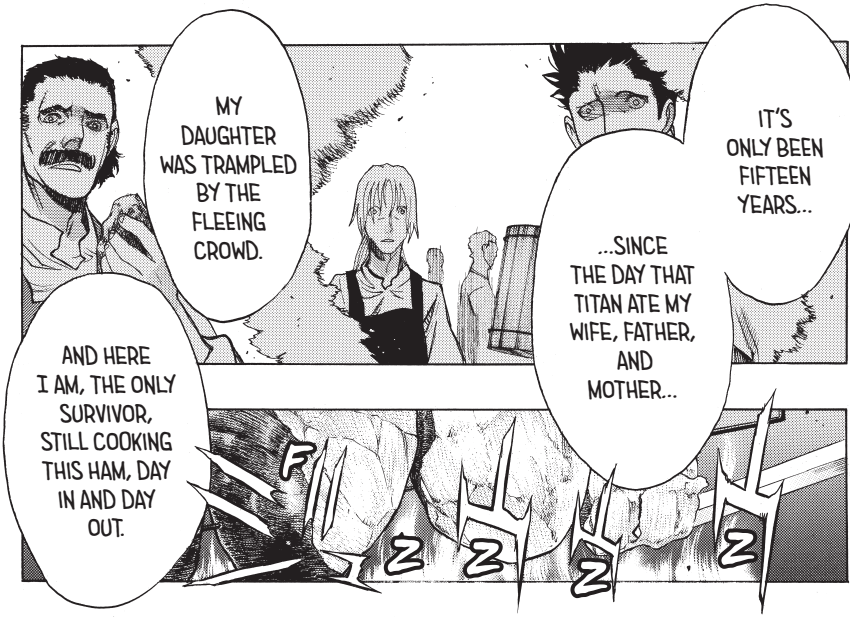
IS THAT REALLY GONNA WORK?

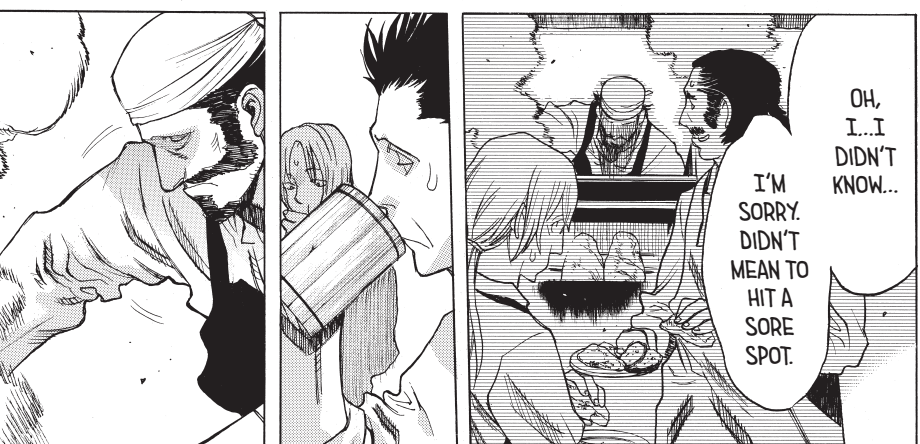



YOU'VE SEEN A TITAN BEFORE THEN, I ASSUME? WHEN... YOU KNOW...
ZZZZZZ

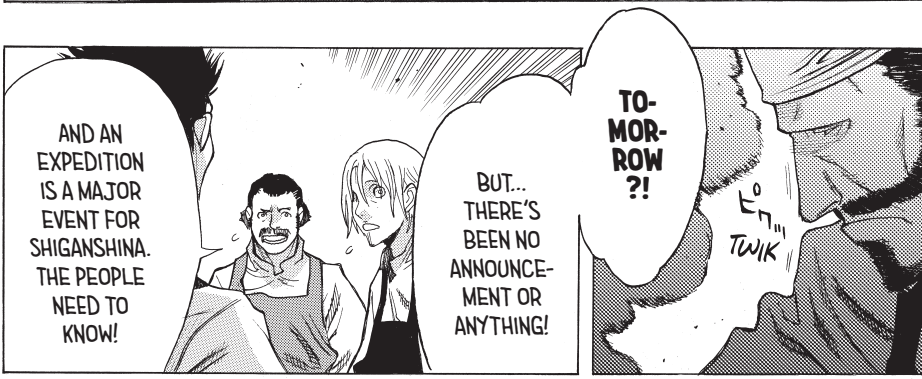
HEY, POPS.
YOU'VE BEEN LIVING HERE IN SHIGANSHINA FOR YEARS, YOU SAID.
GULP...

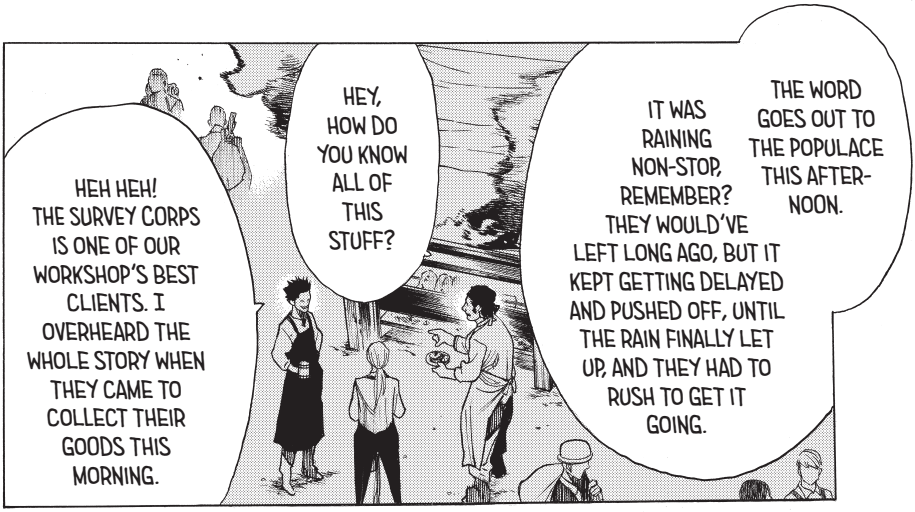
HOW CAN I FORGET SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
...YEP.

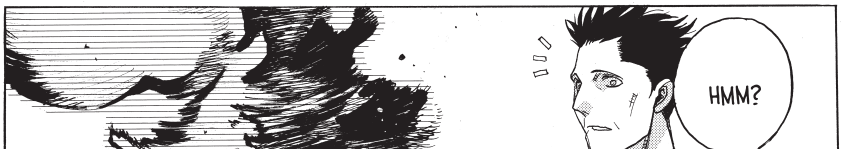

MY DAUGHTER WAS TRAMPLED BY THE FLEEING CROWD.
IT'S ONLY BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS...
...SINCE THE DAY THAT TITAN ATE MY WIFE, FATHER, AND MOTHER...
AND HERE I AM, THE ONLY SURVIVOR, STILL COOKING THIS HAM, DAY IN AND DAY OUT.


OH, I...I DIDN'T KNOW...
I'M SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT A SORE SPOT.

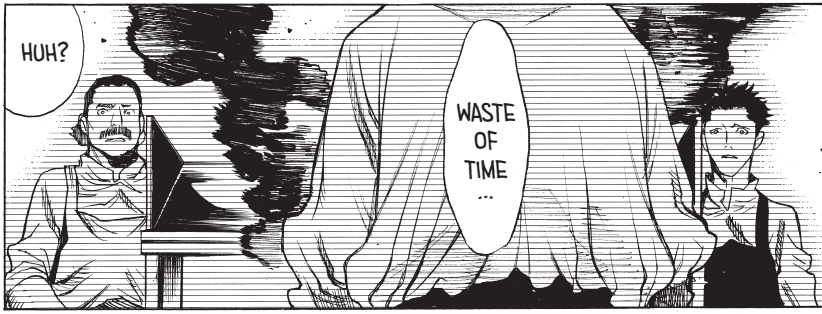
OH...THE EXPEDITION! RIGHT... IT'S TOMORROW.
SO ANYWAY! WHEN'S THIS EXPEDITION, EH?
SO...


AND AN EXPEDITION IS A MAJOR EVENT FOR SHIGANSHINA. THE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW!
BUT... THERE'S BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT OR ANYTHING!
TO-MOR-ROW ?!
TWIK


HEH HEH! THE SURVEY CORPS IS ONE OF OUR WORKSHOP'S BEST CLIENTS. I OVERHEARD THE WHOLE STORY WHEN THEY CAME TO COLLECT THEIR GOODS THIS MORNING.
HEY, HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS STUFF?
IT WAS RAINING NON-STOP, REMEMBER? THEY WOULD'VE LEFT LONG AGO, BUT IT KEPT GETTING DELAYED AND PUSHED OFF, UNTIL THE RAIN FINALLY LET UP, AND THEY HAD TO RUSH TO GET IT GOING.
THE WORD GOES OUT TO THE POPULACE THIS AFTER-NOON.

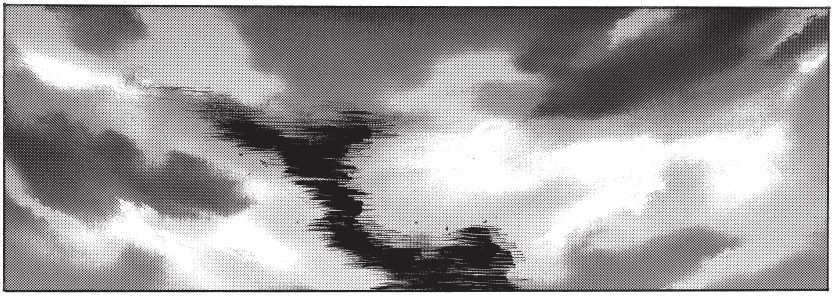

HMM?

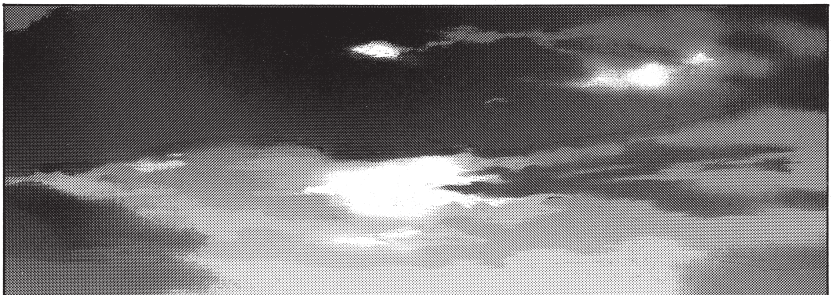
HEY, POPS! THE SMOKE !!
YOUR HAM'S BURNING !!


HUH?
WASTE OF TIME ...

THOSE THINGS... THE TITANS... THEY'RE LIKE A NATURAL DISASTER...
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THEM...
THEY'RE JUST GOING TO DIE IN THE END.

HUMANITY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE...





THERE! IT'S THE SURVEY CORPS !!
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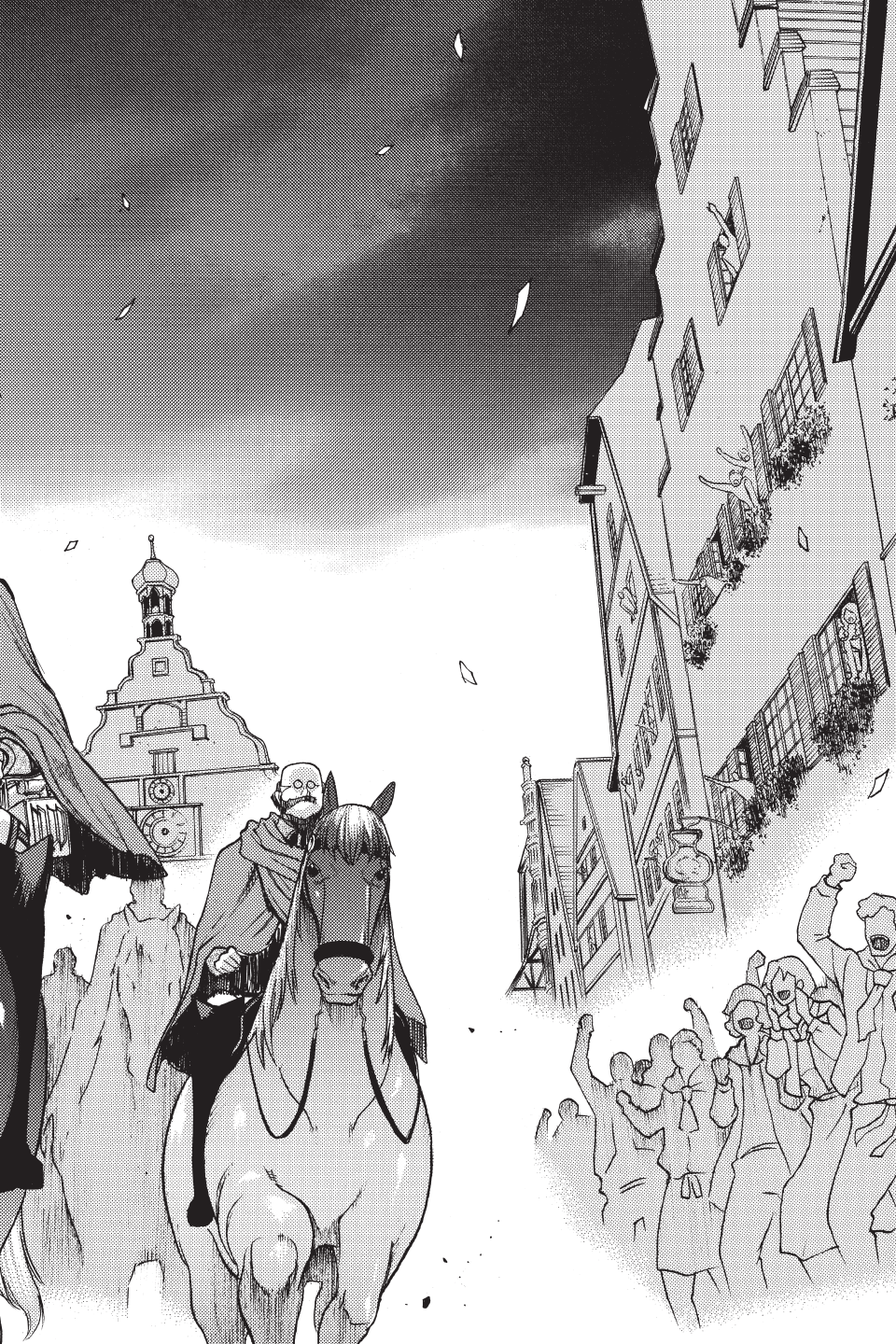
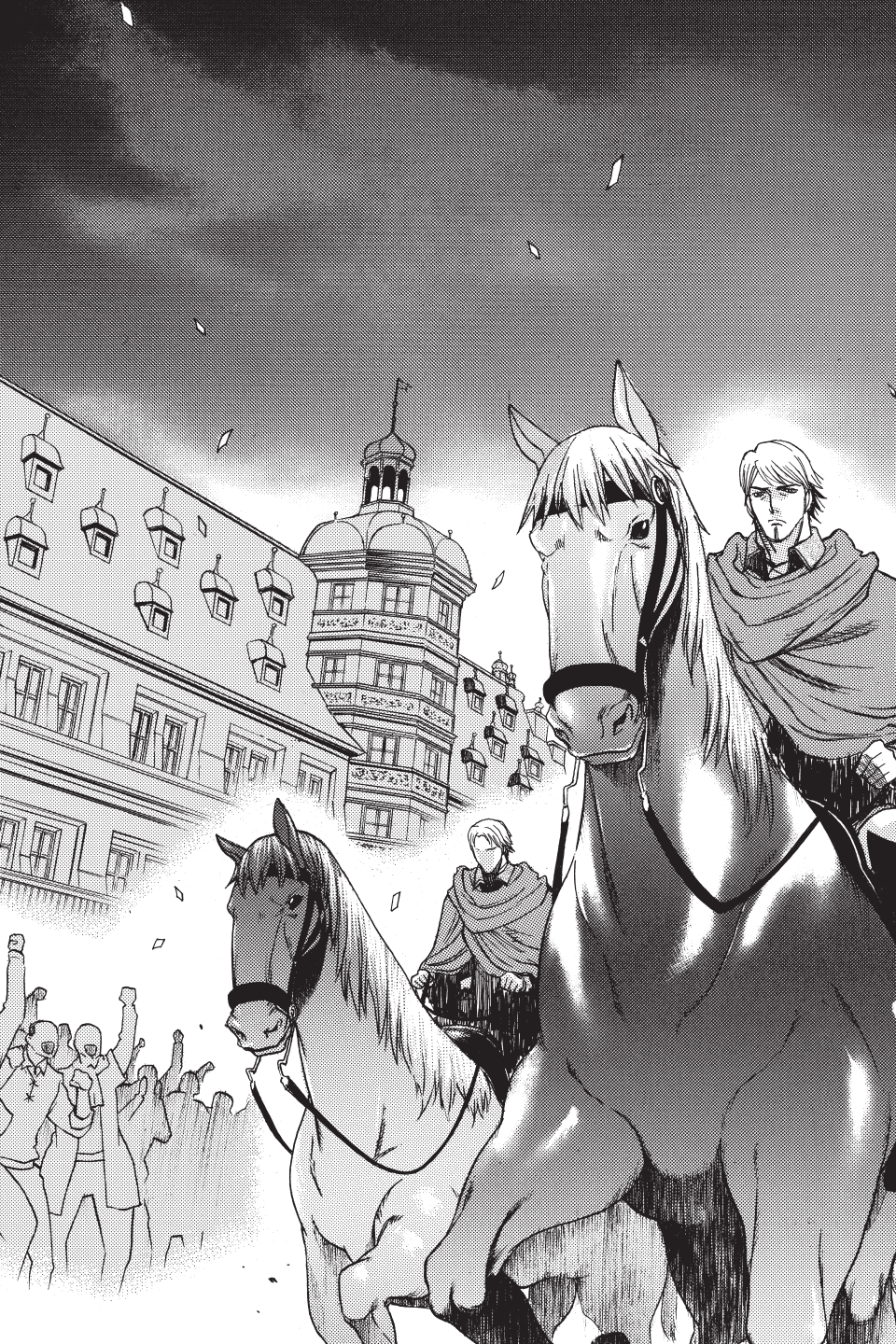
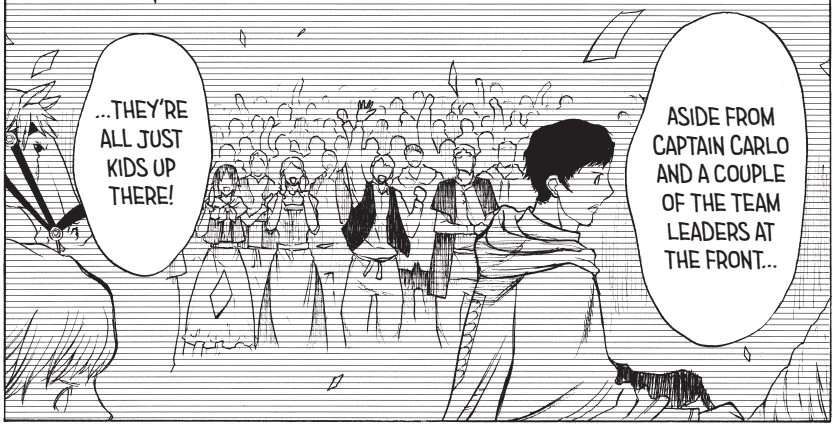
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

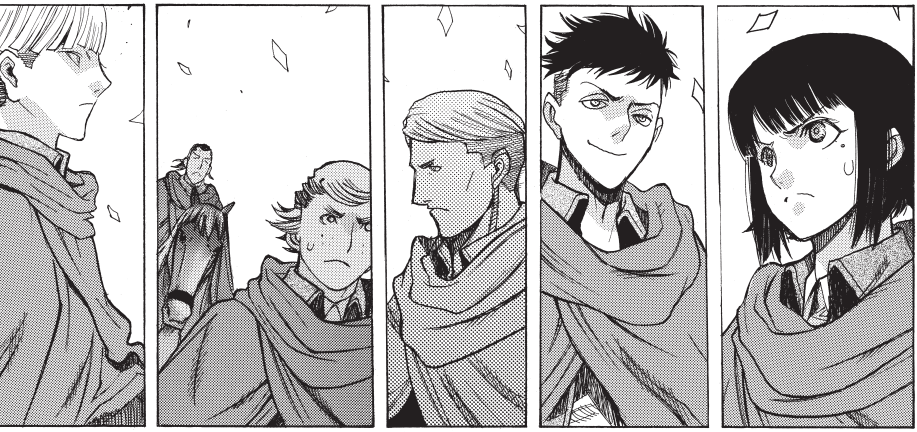




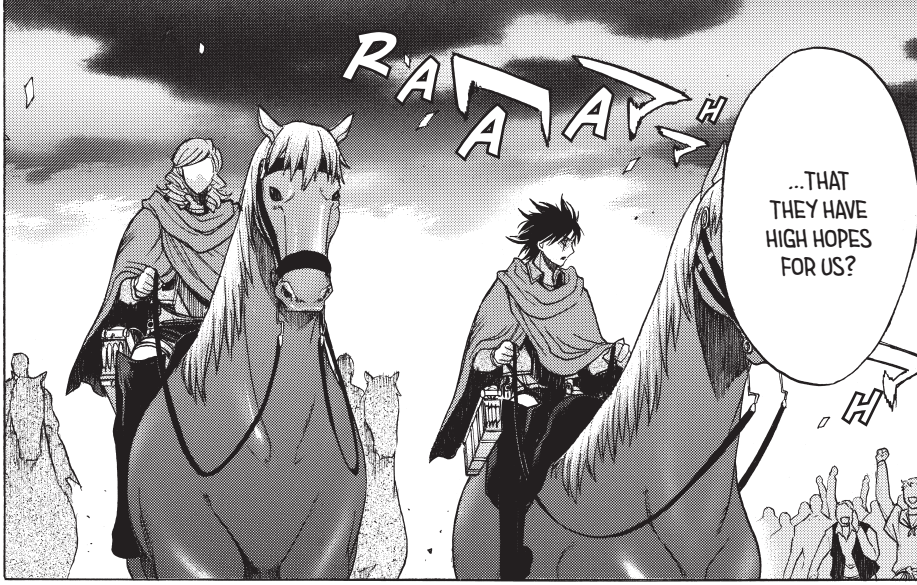
RAAAAAHH
HUH ...?
WAIT A SECOND.
WHAT?

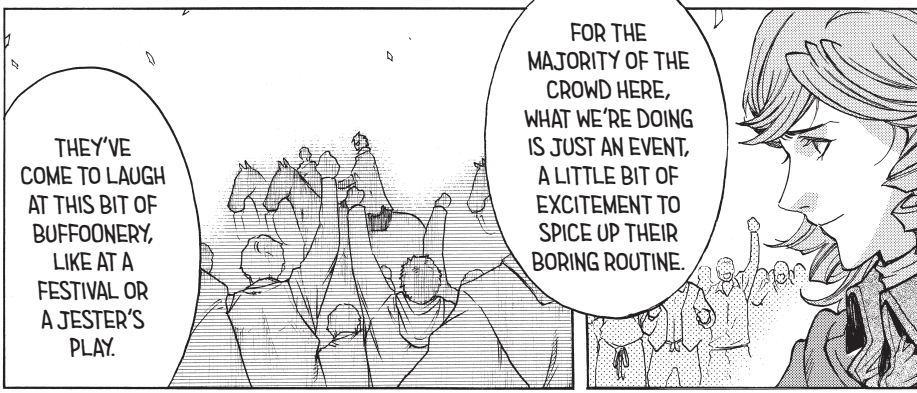

...THEY'RE ALL JUST KIDS UP THERE!
ASIDE FROM CAPTAIN CARLO AND A COUPLE OF THE TEAM LEADERS AT THE FRONT...

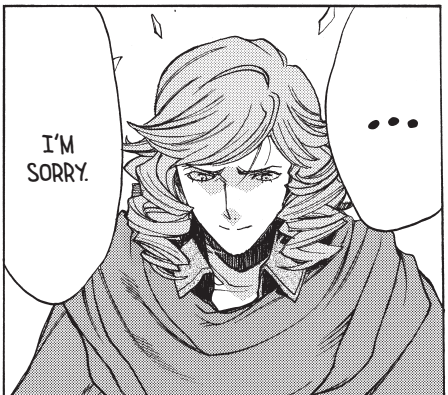
...THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY MARCHING TO THEIR DOOM...
I DUNNO ABOUT THIS. I JUST HOPE...



SHOULD I ASSUME...

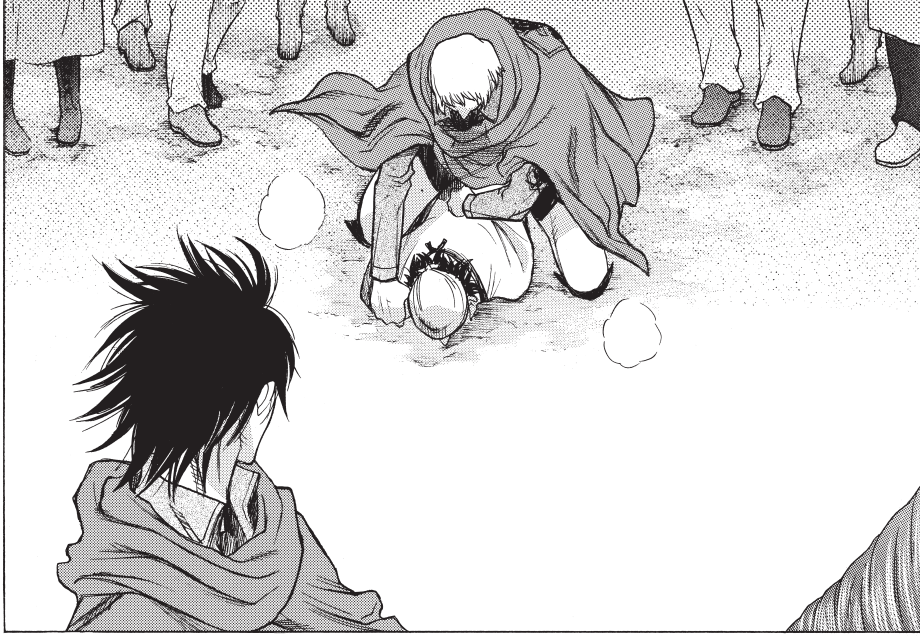

RAAAAH
...THAT THEY HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR US?

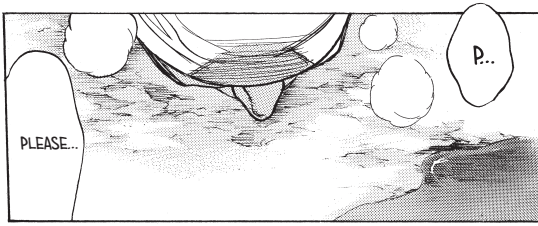

THEY'VE COME TO LAUGH AT THIS BIT OF BUFFOONERY, LIKE AT A FESTIVAL OR A JESTER'S PLAY.
FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE CROWD HERE, WHAT WE'RE DOING IS JUST AN EVENT, A LITTLE BIT OF EXCITEMENT TO SPICE UP THEIR BORING ROUTINE.


I'M SORRY.
...

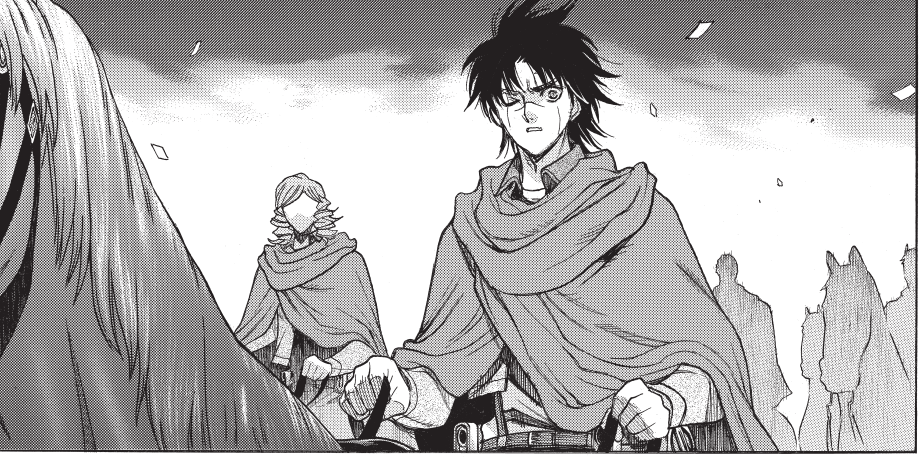
EVEN YOU AREN'T USUALLY THIS GRIM.
WHAT'S WRONG?

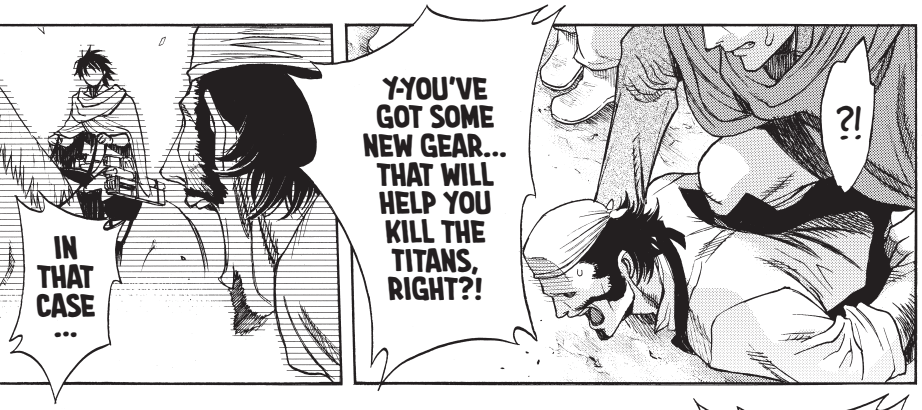
I SUPPOSE THAT, IN THE RUSH OF EMOTION THAT WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN THIS FAR...
...I CAN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE REALIZE WHAT THIS EXPEDITION ACTUALLY MEANS.
WHY NOT JUST THINK THEY BELIEVE IN US?
HA HA... YOU'RE RIGHT.
BA-THUMP
AAAH!
EEK!!




P...
PLEASE...

DO IT... KILL THE TITANS !!!
PLEASE !!!





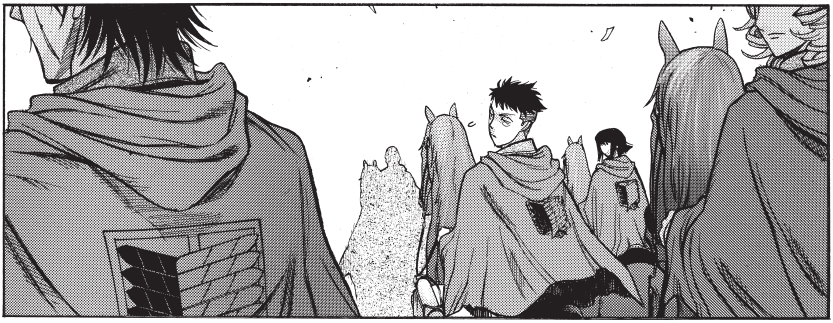
GET RE-VENGE FOR ME!!

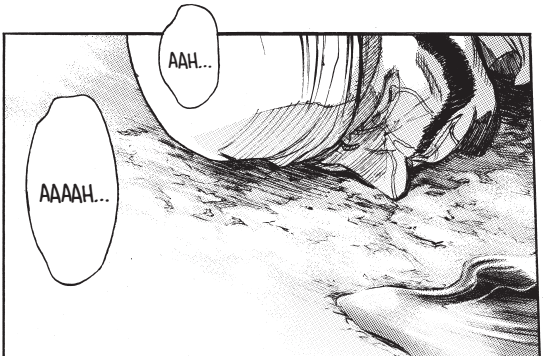
FOR MELINA! AND MILLY...

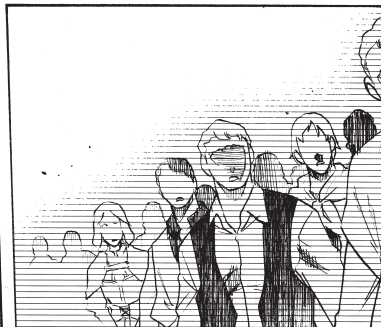
AND MY FATHER AND MOTHER ...

BRR-LHRR

REVENGE FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF MY LIFE!!!





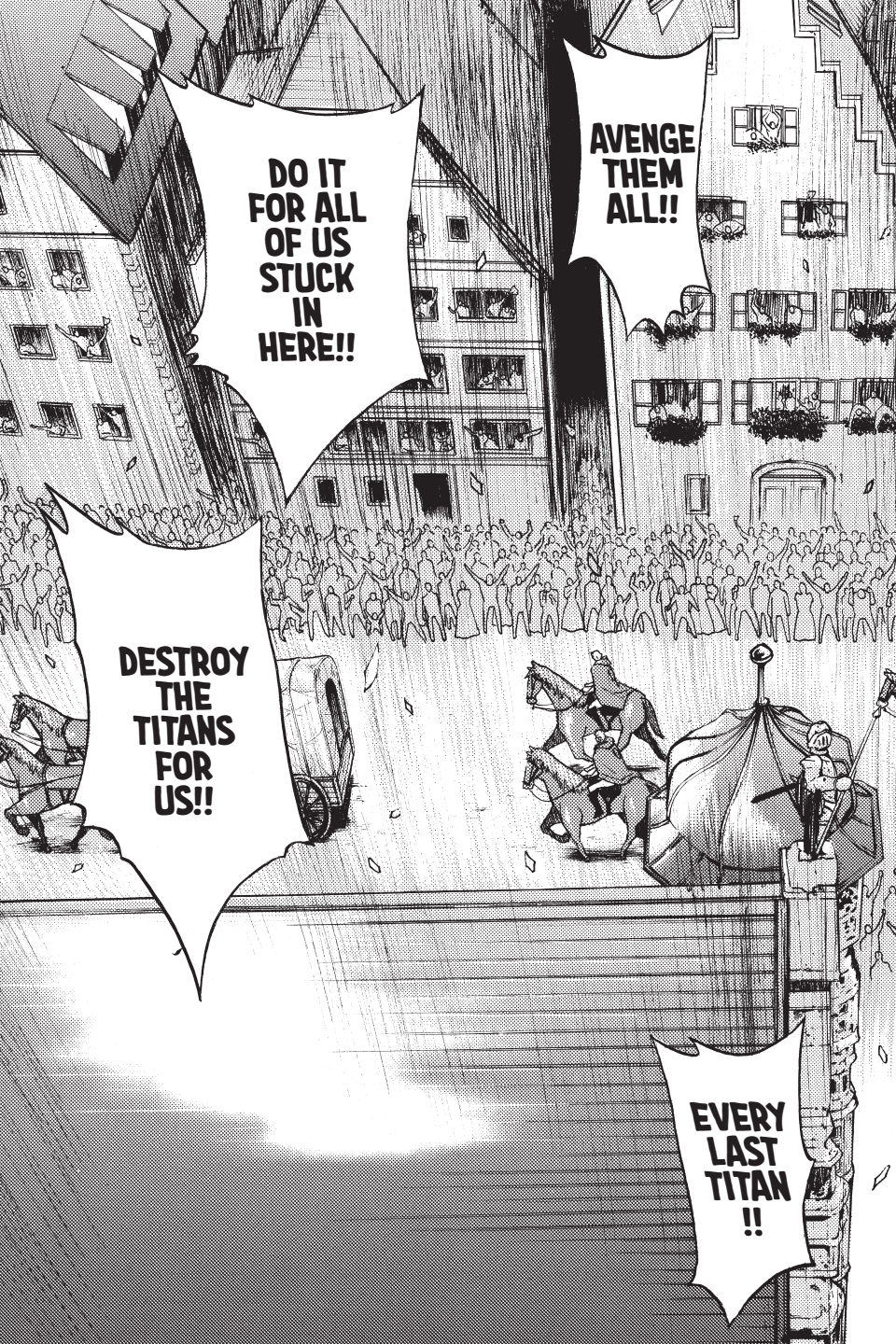


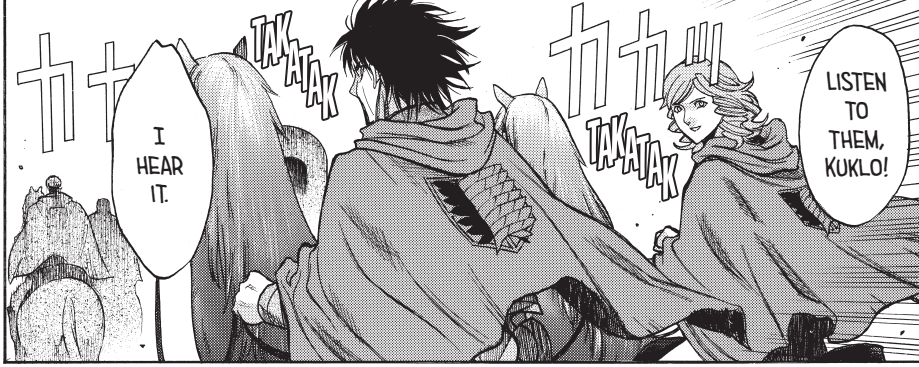
LEAVE IT TO US.

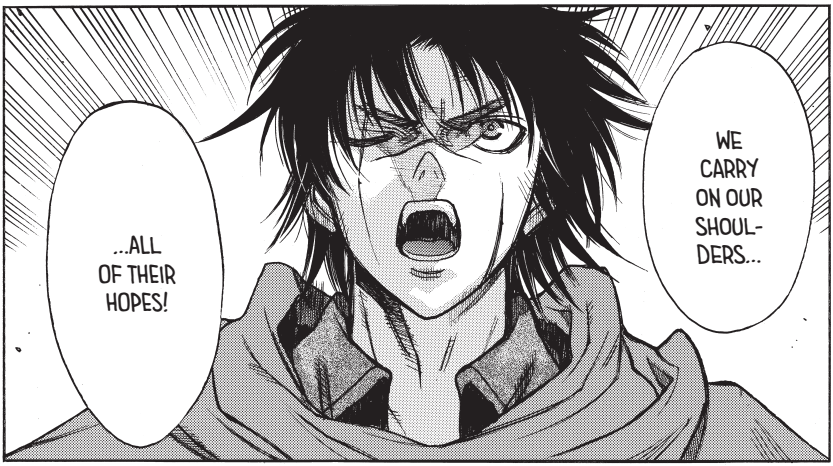
TH-THEN...
RAAH
GET REVENGE FOR ME, TOO!!
M...ME TOO...
AND ME!!
I LOST MY FAMILY WHEN THAT TITAN GOT INSIDE!
MY MA DIED...!

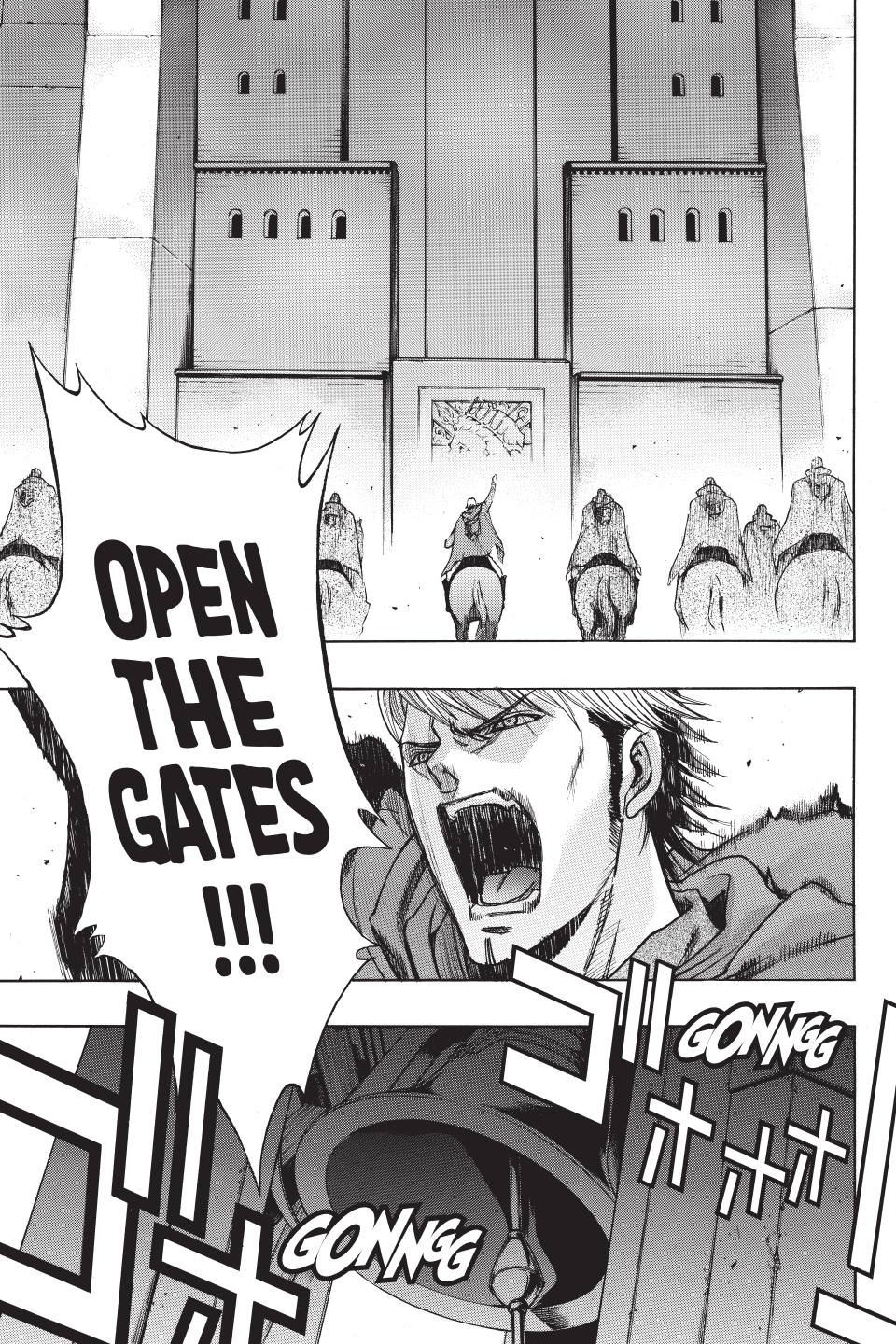
AVENGE OUR FAMI-LIES !!
PLEASE ...
AH...
PAT
BOOM

YEAAAH! DO IT FOR US, SURVEY CORPS !!
PLEASE ...
ALL OUR SUFFER-ING...
OUR DEAD ...


DO IT FOR ALL OF US STUCK IN HERE!!
AVENGE THEM ALL!!
DESTROY THE TITANS FOR US!!
EVERY LAST TITAN !!


TAKATAK
TAKATAK
I HEAR IT.
LISTEN TO THEM, KUKLO!


...ALL OF THEIR HOPES!
WE CARRY ON OUR SHOUL-DERS...


OPEN THE GATES !!!
GONNGG
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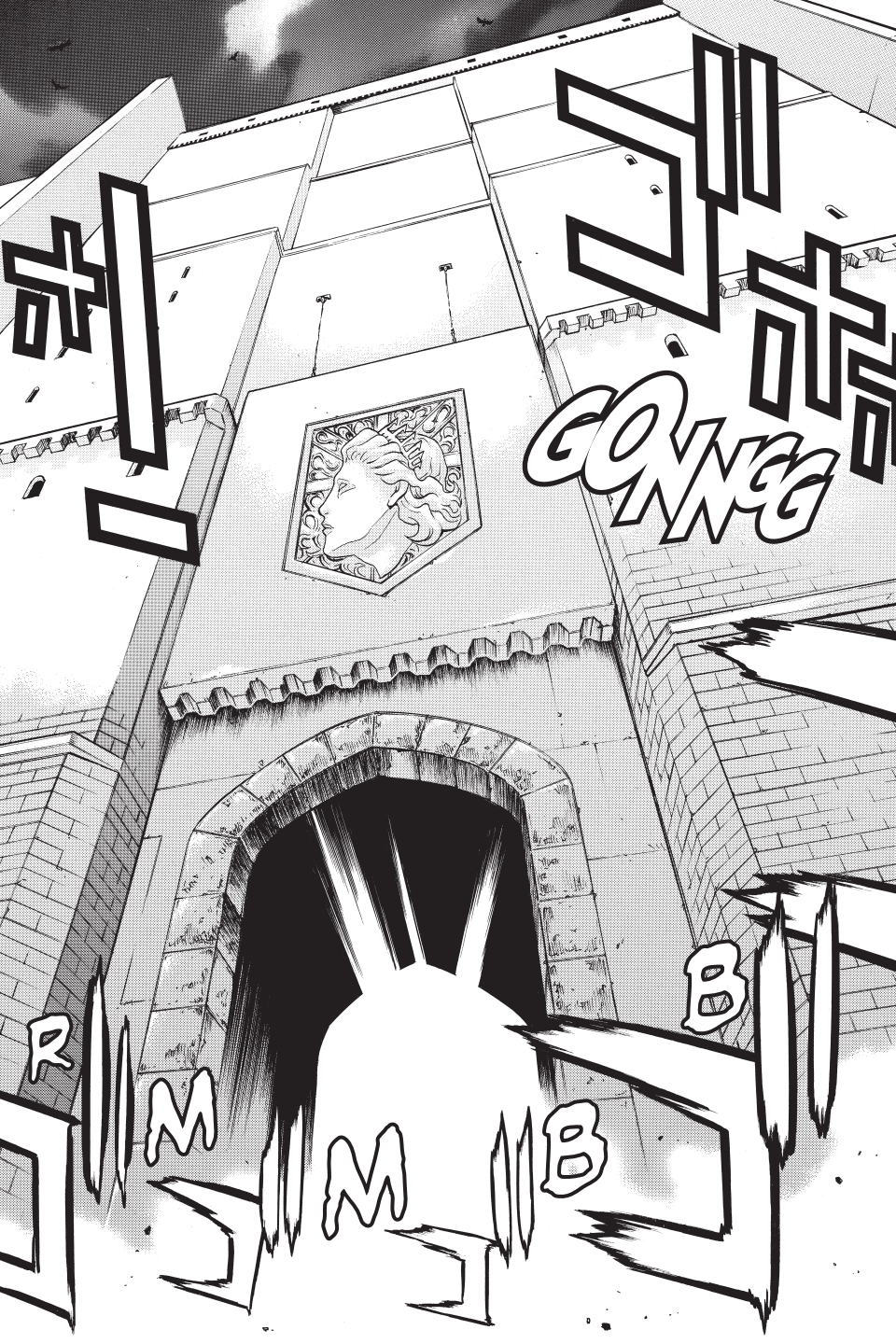
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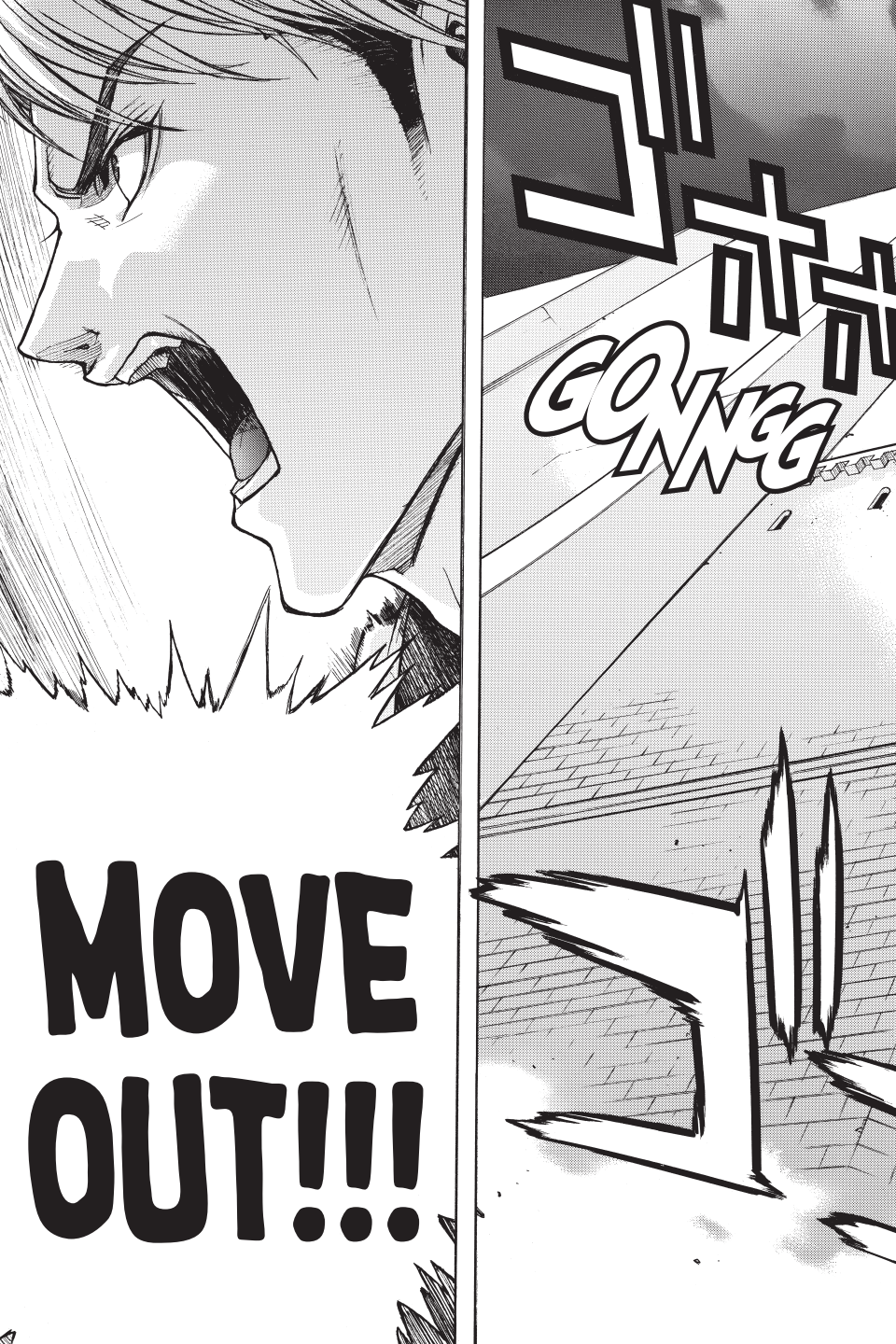
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GONNGG
MOVE OUT!!!

DADADUM DADADUM

Chapter 58: Moment of Departure · End

ATTACK ON TITAN
BEFORE THE FALL

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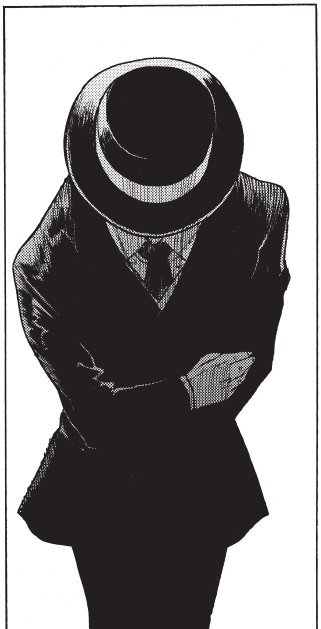
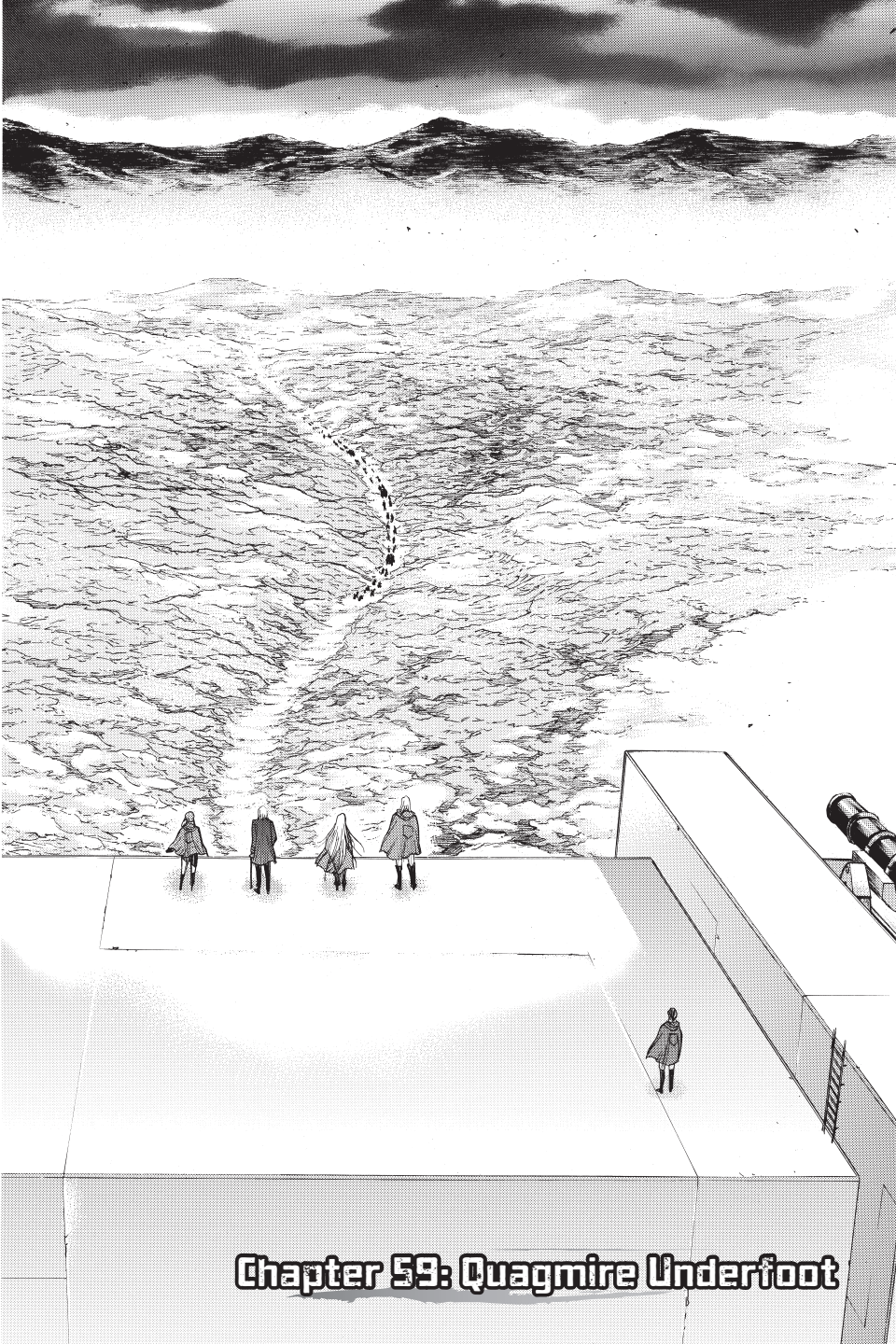
FARE THEE WELL, GUV.





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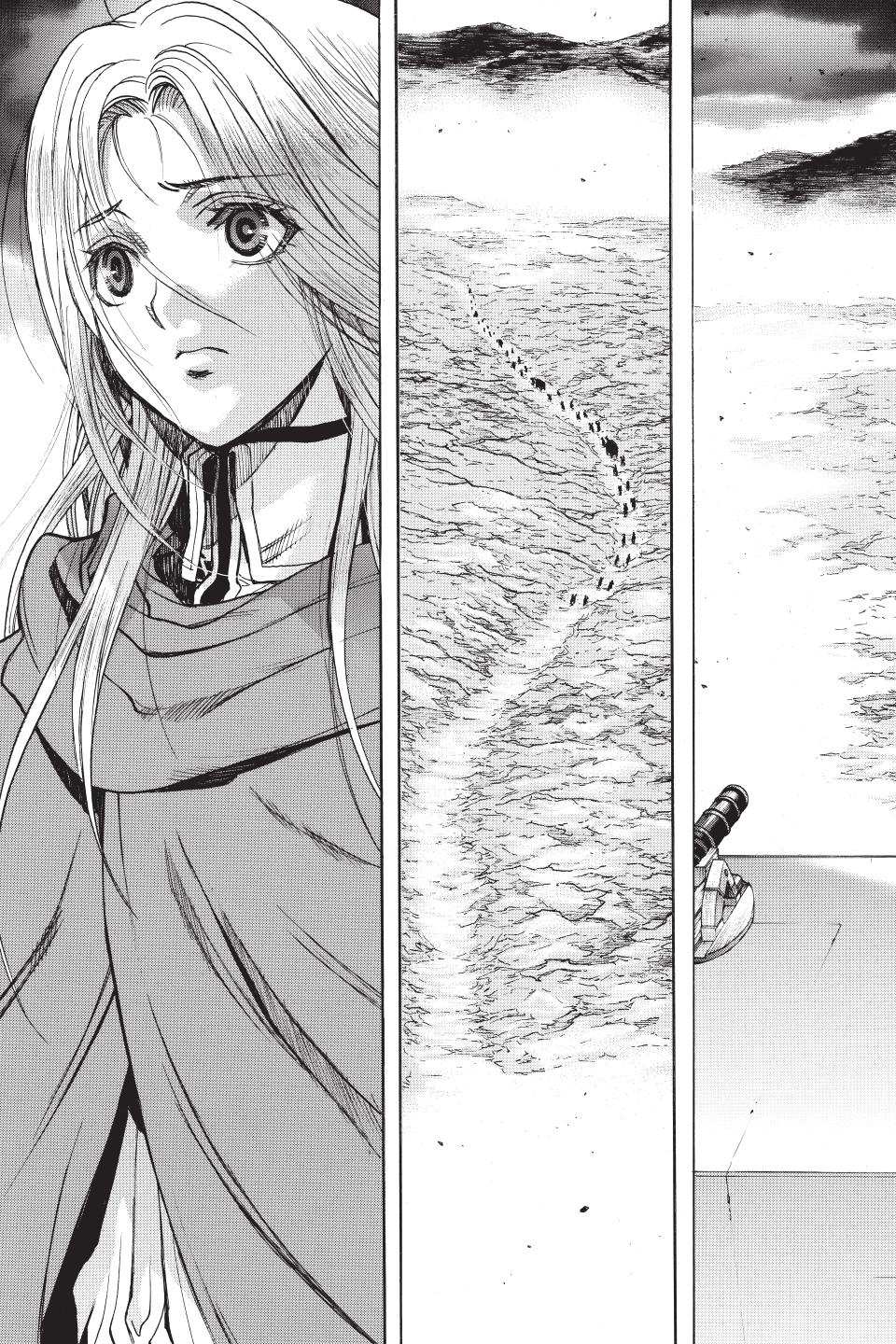
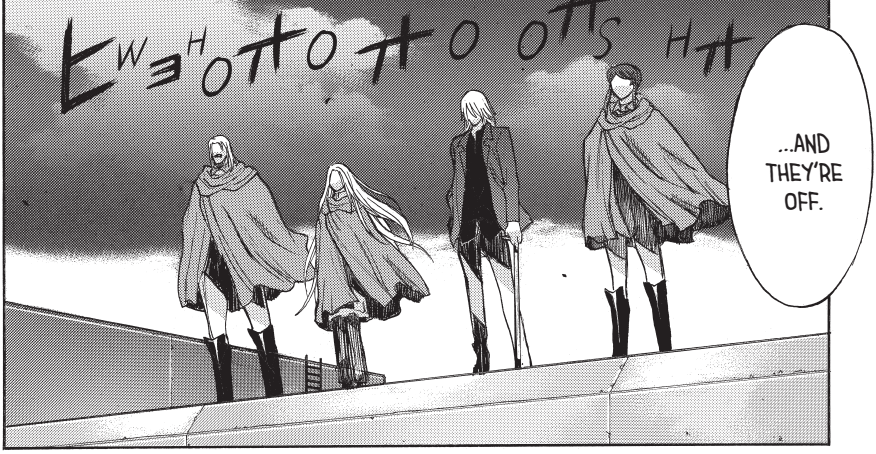
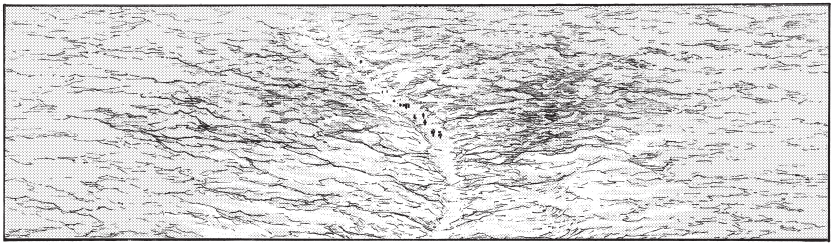
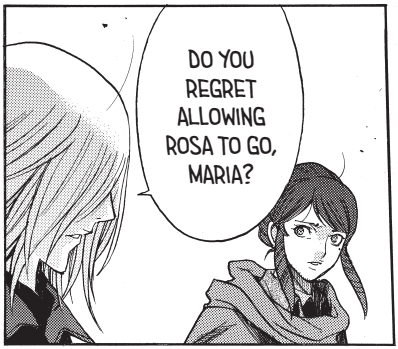
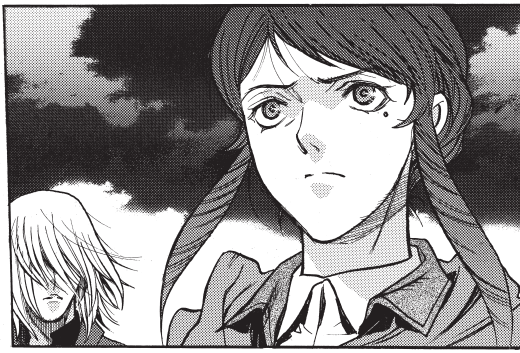
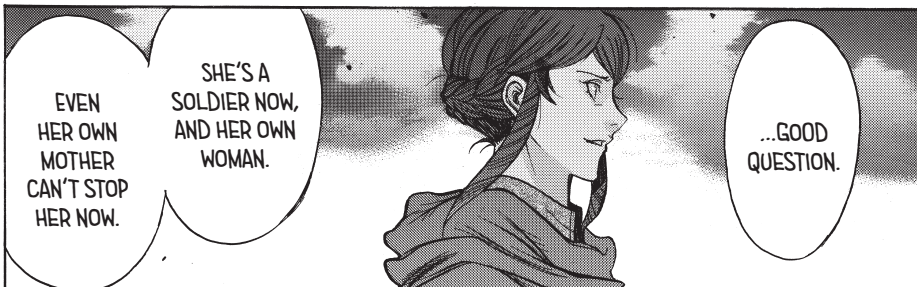



...AND THEY'RE OFF.

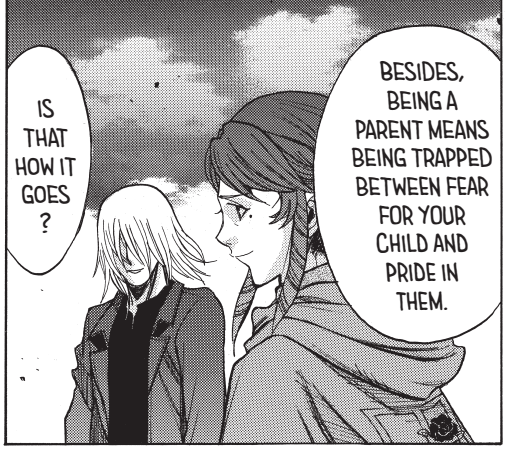


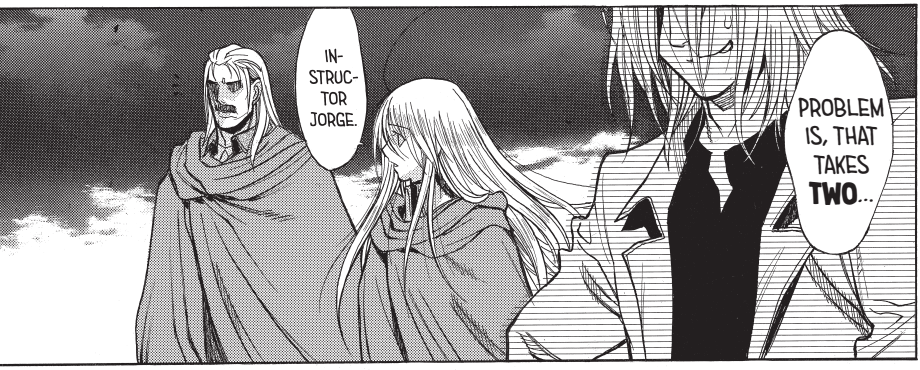

DO YOU REGRET ALLOWING ROSA TO GO, MARIA?

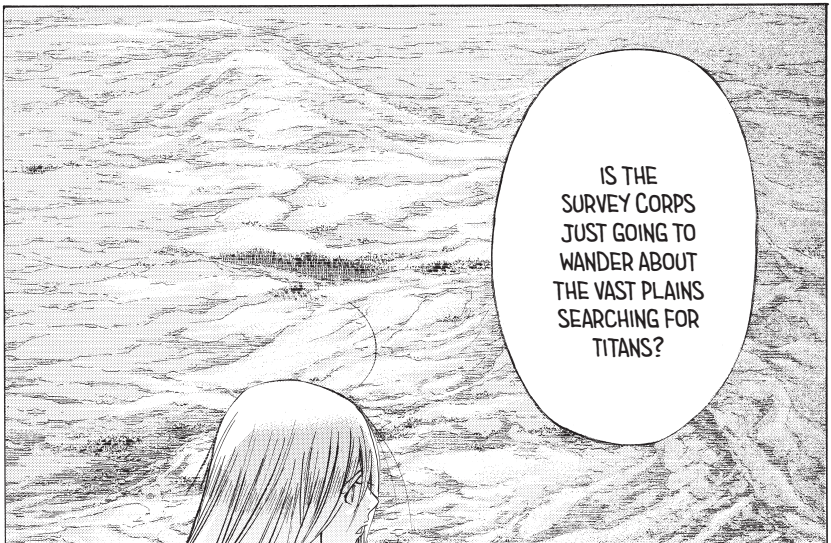


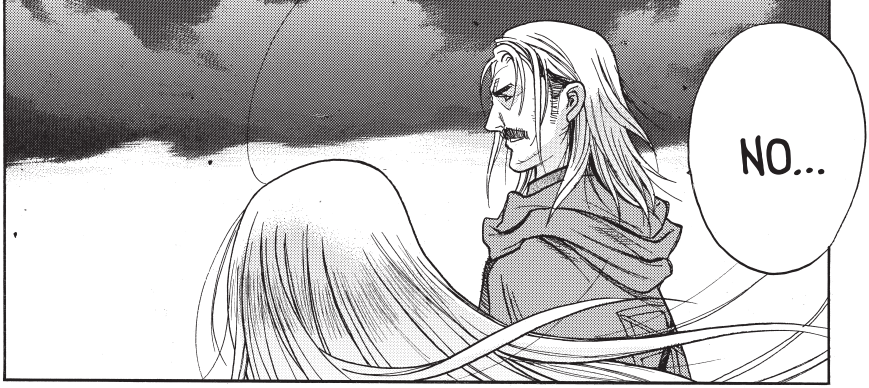

...GOOD QUESTION.
SHE'S A SOLDIER NOW, AND HER OWN WOMAN.
EVEN HER OWN MOTHER CAN'T STOP HER NOW.

EVEN YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND, IF YOU BECAME A FATHER.


IS THAT HOW IT GOES ?
BESIDES, BEING A PARENT MEANS BEING TRAPPED BETWEEN FEAR FOR YOUR CHILD AND PRIDE IN THEM.


IN-STRUC-TOR JORGE.
PROBLEM IS, THAT TAKES **TWO**...


IS THE SURVEY CORPS JUST GOING TO WANDER ABOUT THE VAST PLAINS SEARCHING FOR TITANS?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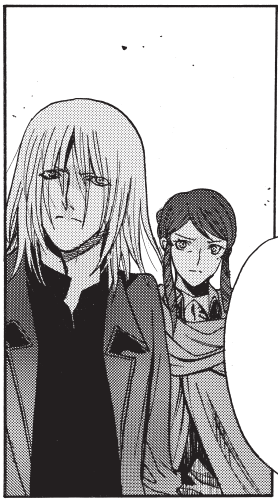
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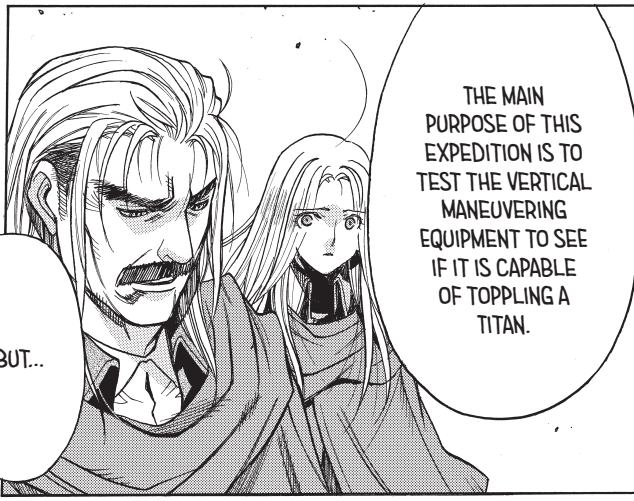
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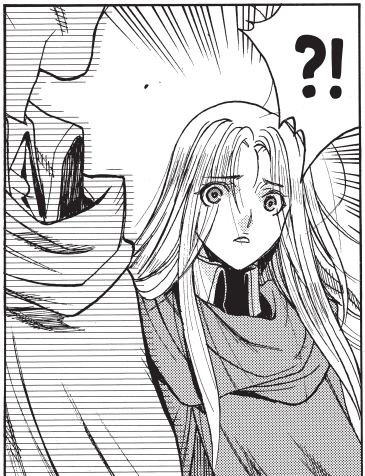
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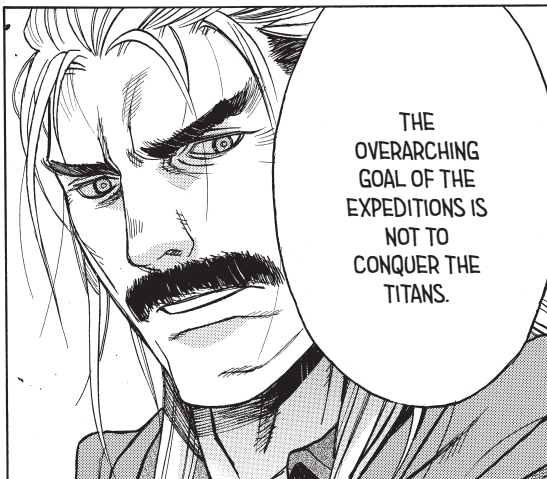
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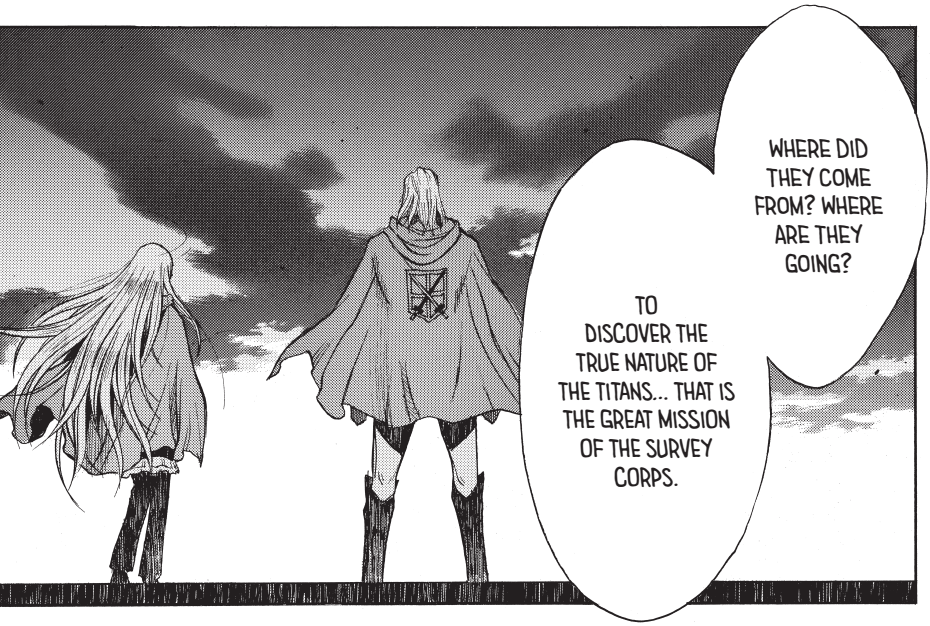
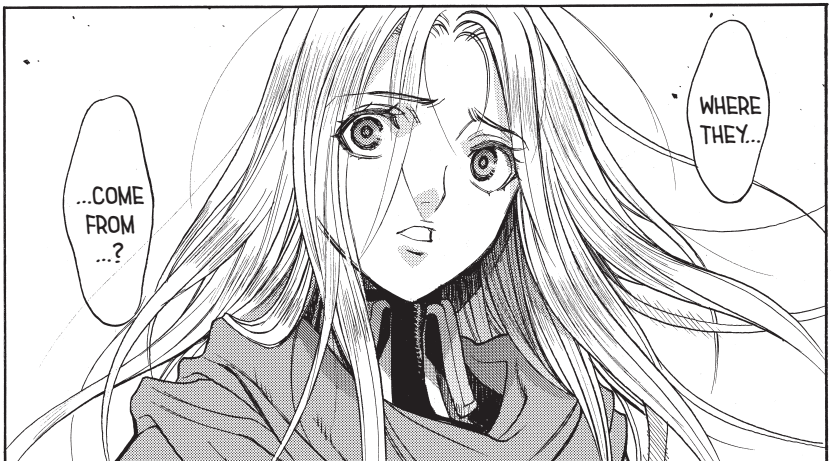
THE TITANS...


WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
TO DISCOVER THE TRUE NATURE OF THE TITANS... THAT IS THE GREAT MISSION OF THE SURVEY CORPS.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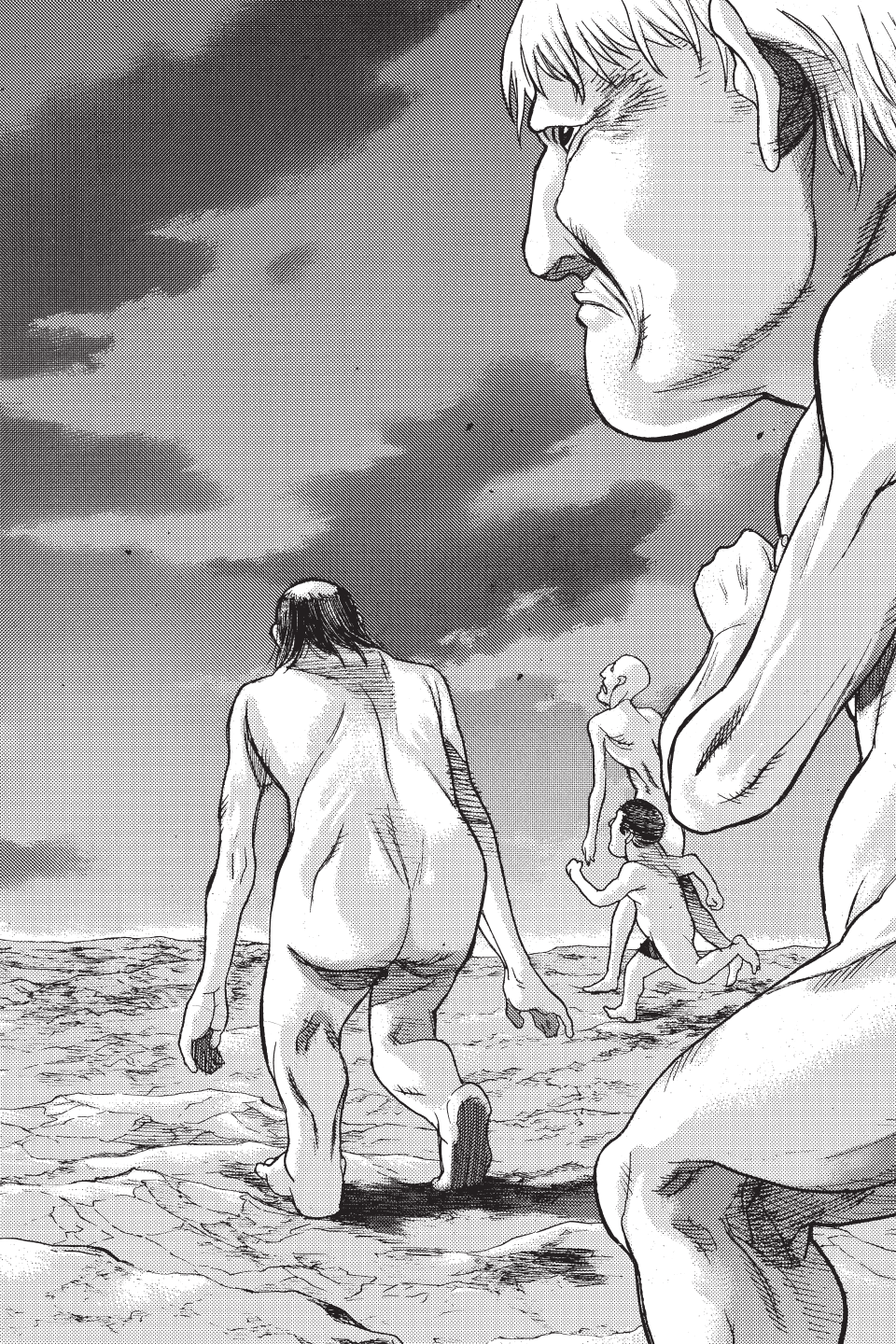
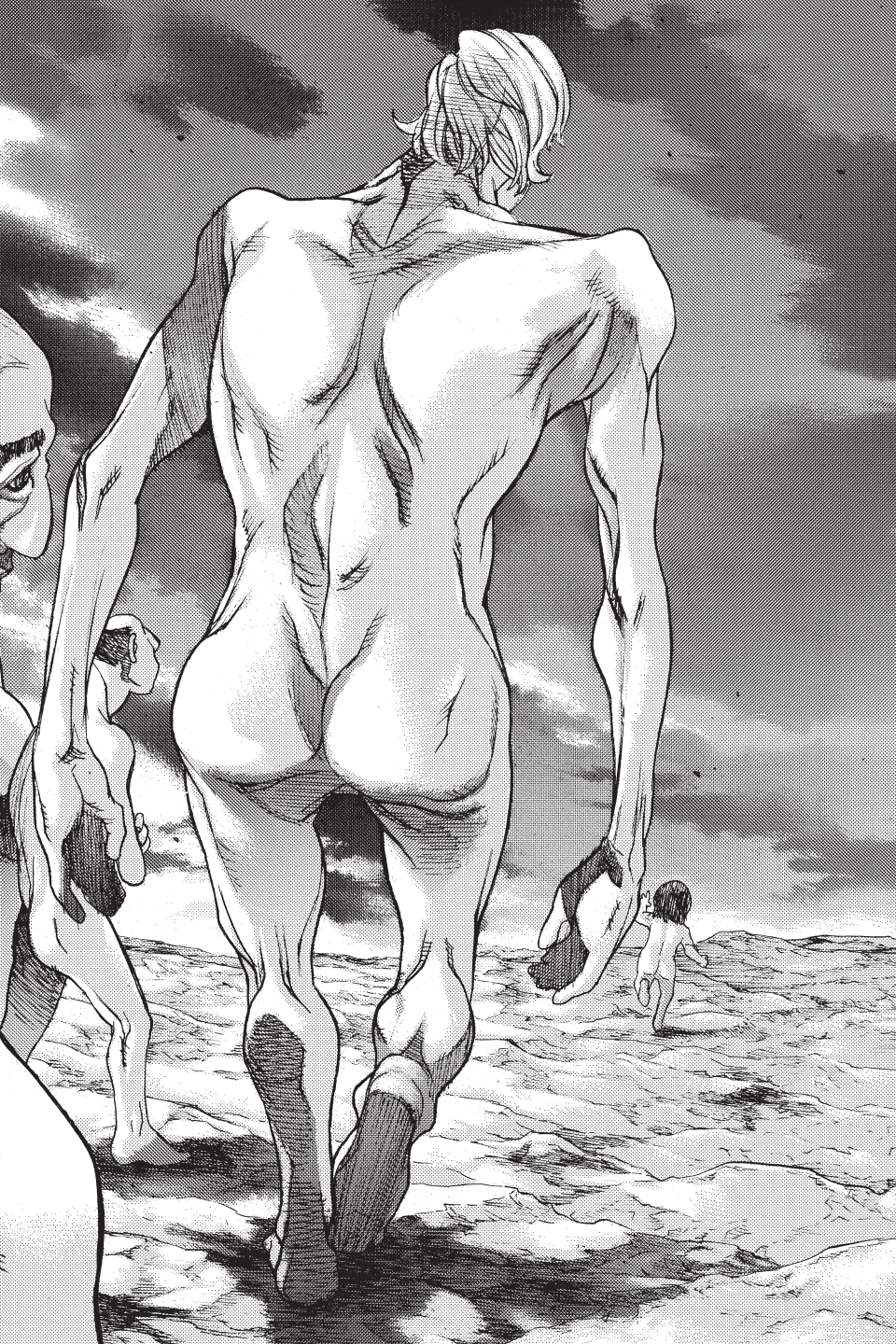
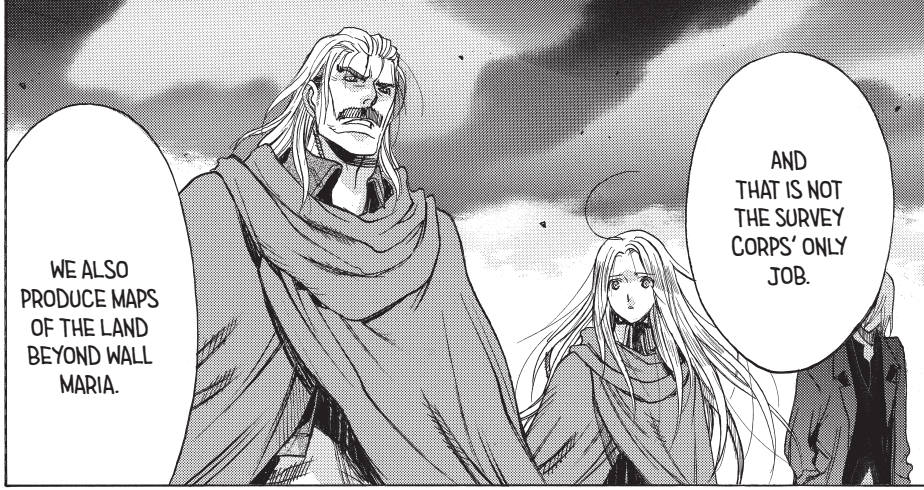
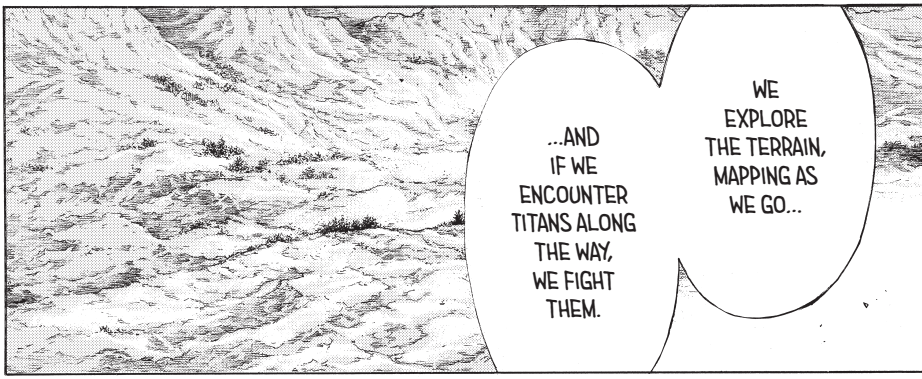
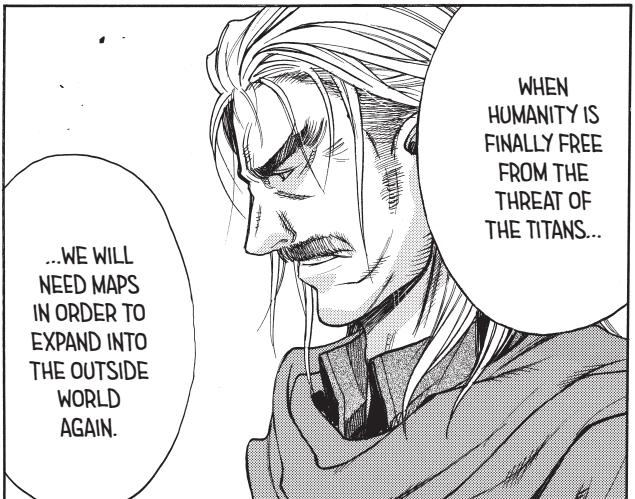
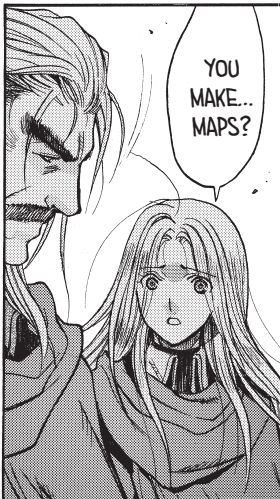





AND THAT IS NOT THE SURVEY CORPS' ONLY JOB.
WE ALSO PRODUCE MAPS OF THE LAND BEYOND WALL MARIA.


WE EXPLORE THE TERRAIN, MAPPING AS WE GO...
...AND IF WE ENCOUNTER TITANS ALONG THE WAY, WE FIGHT THEM.


WHEN HUMANITY IS FINALLY FREE FROM THE THREAT OF THE TITANS...
...WE WILL NEED MAPS IN ORDER TO EXPAND INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD AGAIN.


YOU MAKE... MAPS?

FROM PAST EXPEDITIONS, WE HAVE A COMPLETE MAP OF ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH OF WALL MARIA.

ONLY...TEN KILOMETERS...

...?!

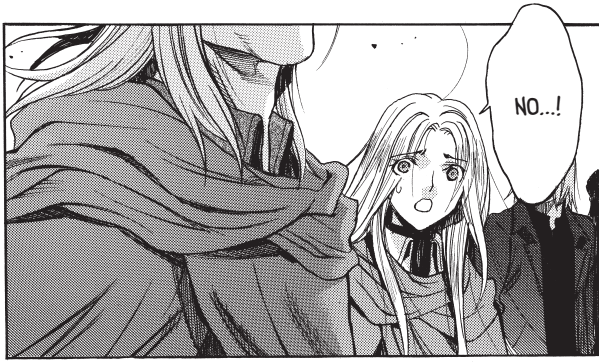
WERE YOU THINKING, "ONLY TEN"?

N... NO! I MEAN ...

YES...

MANY GOOD SOLDIERS LOST THEIR LIVES FOR THOSE TEN KILOMETERS.
YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY THAT, AS THEIR CAPTAIN... I KILLED THEM.

I DON'T WANT...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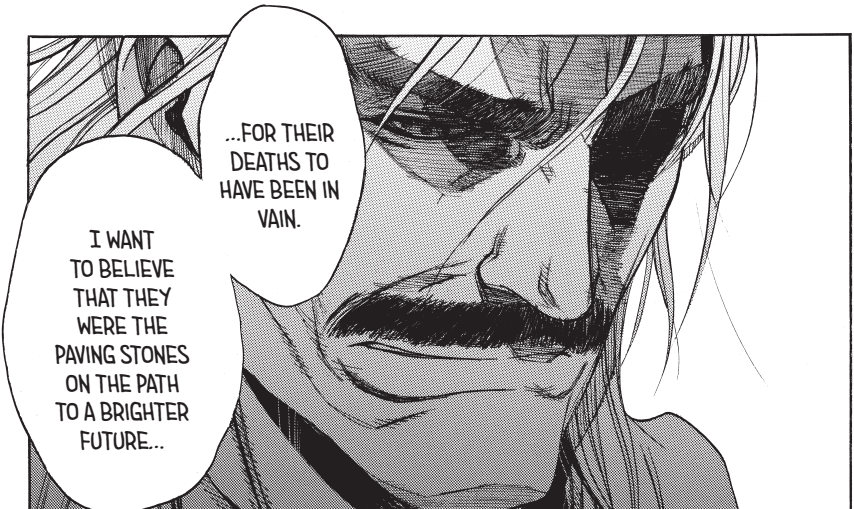
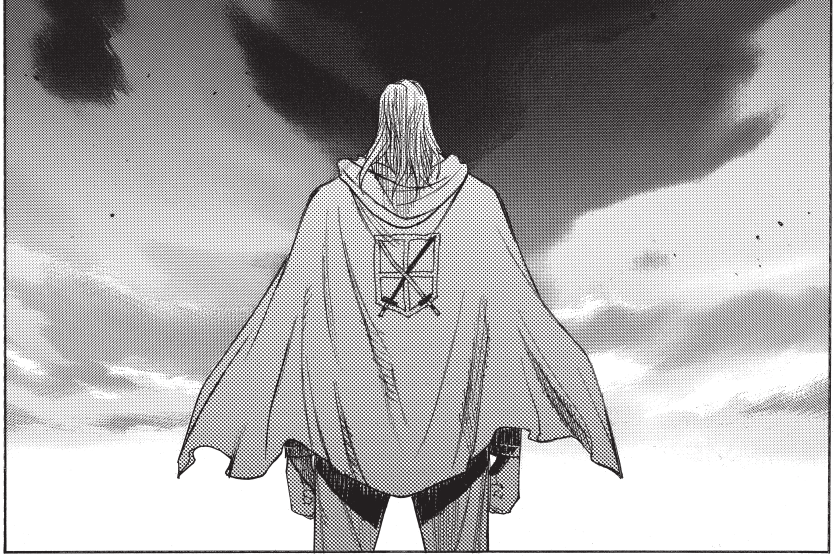
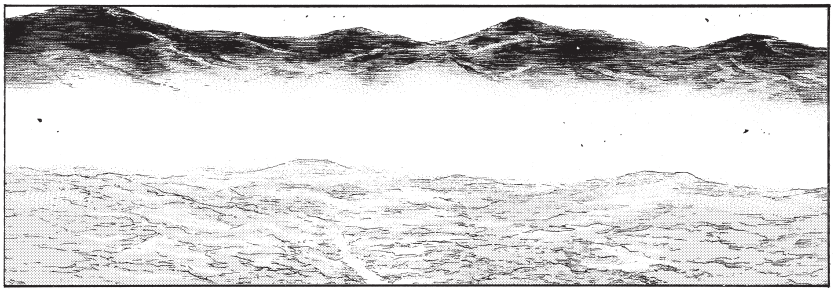
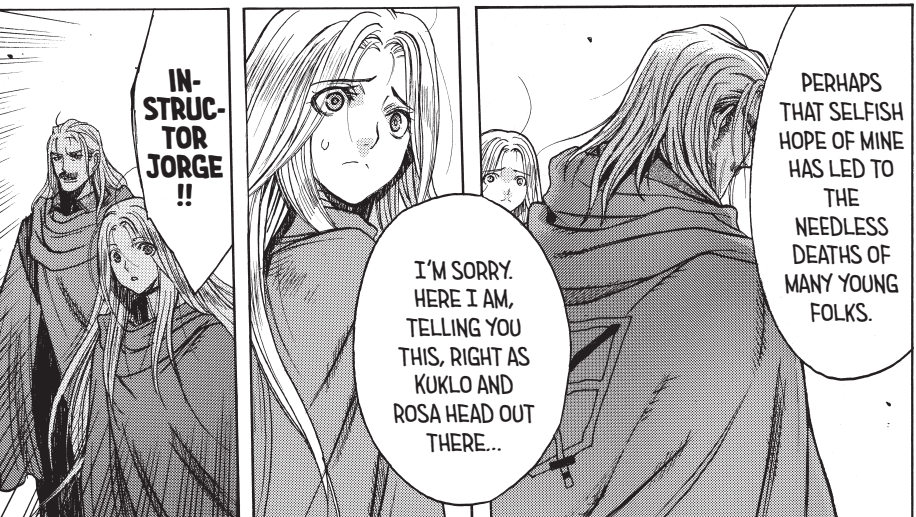

...FOR THEIR DEATHS TO HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.
I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE THE PAVING STONES ON THE PATH TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE...






IN-STRUC-TOR JORGE !!
I'M SORRY. HERE I AM, TELLING YOU THIS, RIGHT AS KUKLO AND ROSA HEAD OUT THERE...
PERHAPS THAT SELFISH HOPE OF MINE HAS LED TO THE NEEDLESS DEATHS OF MANY YOUNG FOLKS.

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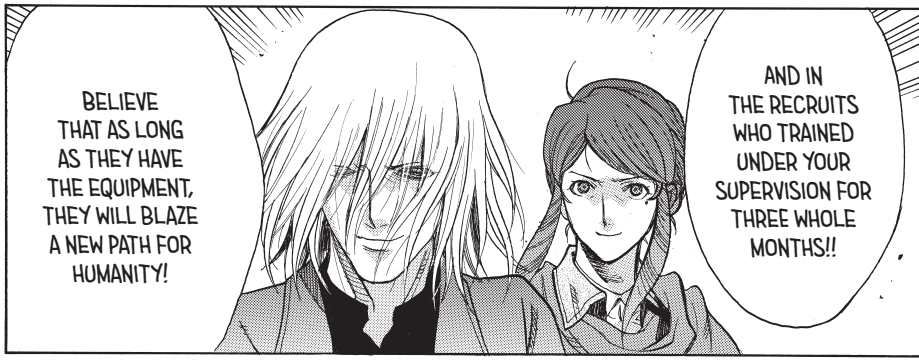
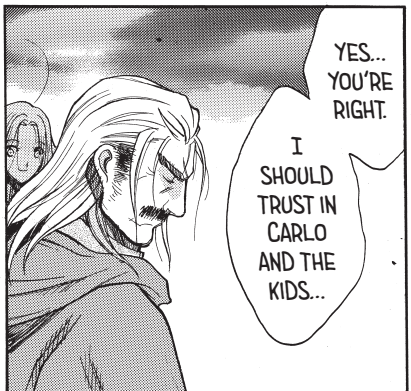
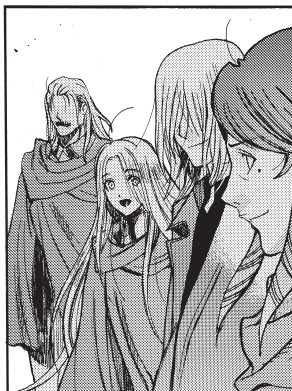
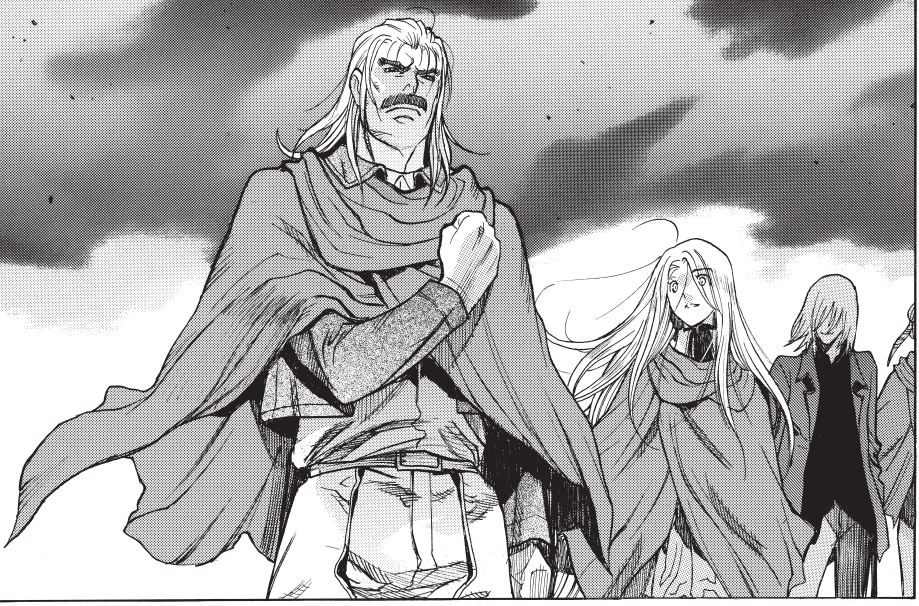
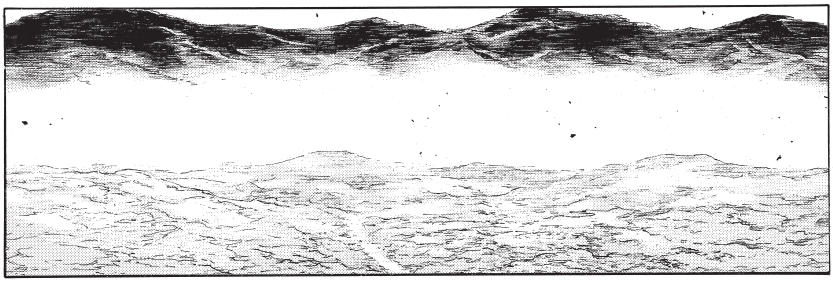
TRUST IN WHAT WE'VE BUILT! BELIEVE IN THE VERTICAL MANEU-VERING EQUIP-MENT!

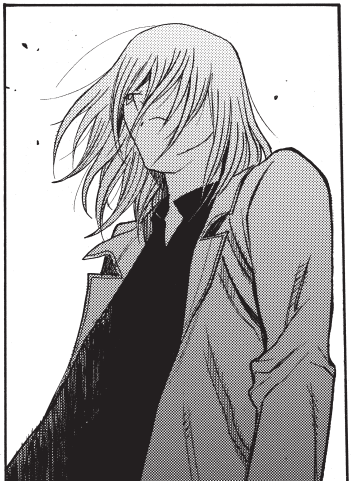

BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE THE EQUIPMENT, THEY WILL BLAZE A NEW PATH FOR HUMANITY!
AND IN THE RECRUITS WHO TRAINED UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION FOR THREE WHOLE MONTHS!!

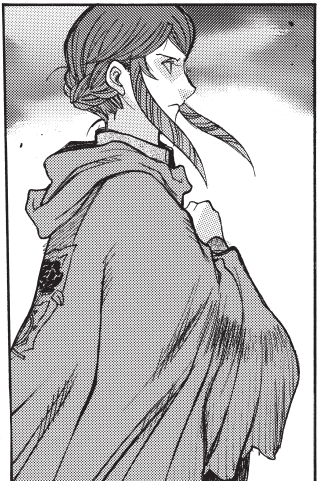

YES... YOU'RE RIGHT.
I SHOULD TRUST IN CARLO AND THE KIDS...

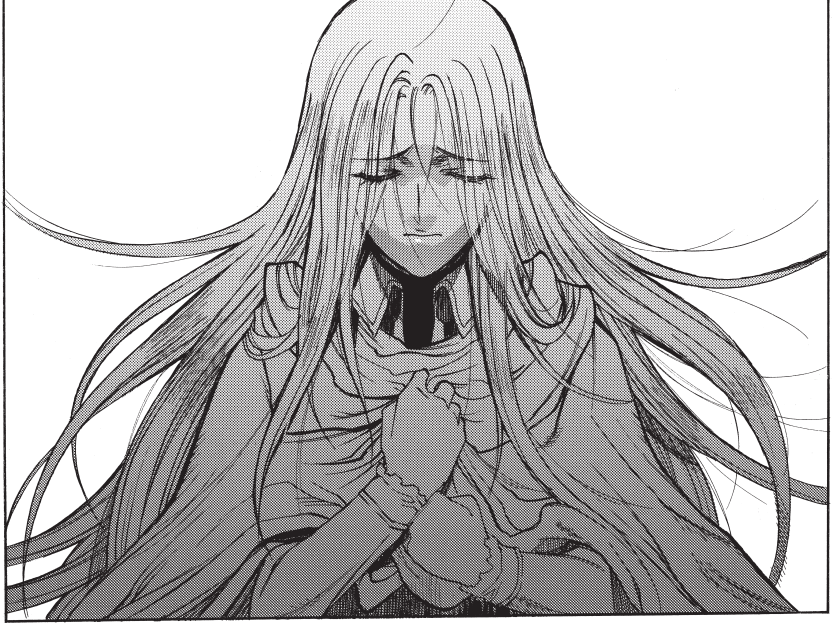


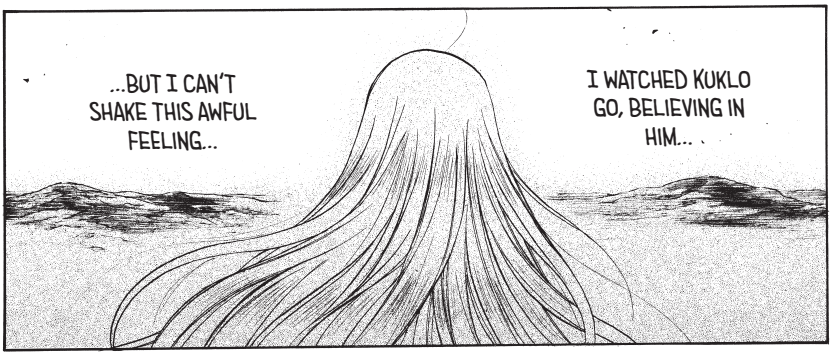






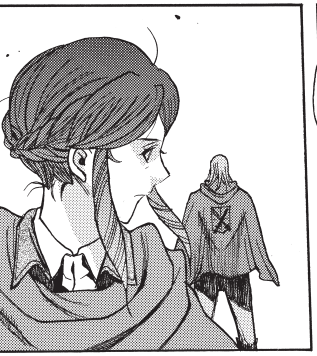


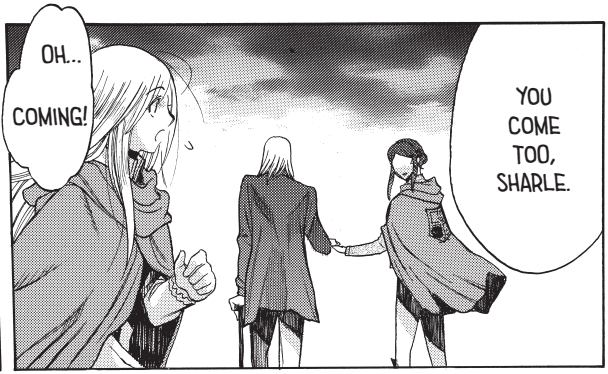


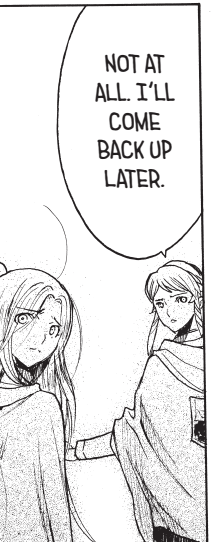

...BUT I CAN'T SHAKE THIS AWFUL FEELING...
I WATCHED KUKLO GO, BELIEVING IN HIM...

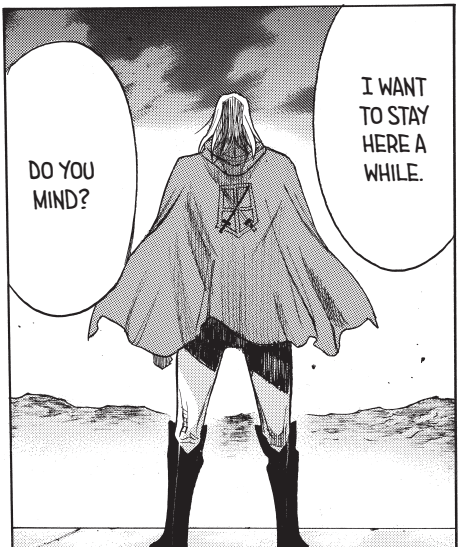
IT MIGHT GO AGAINST EVERYTHING INSTRUCTOR JORGE BELIEVES, BUT...
I DON'T CARE IF THEY DON'T KILL A TITAN... JUST COME BACK SAFE, KUKLO!!

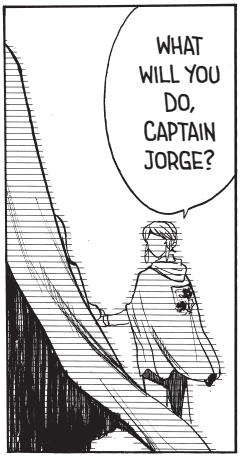
ANGEL...
YOU DIDN'T NEED TO COME UP ALL THIS WAY.
HERE, I'LL TAKE YOU BACK DOWN.

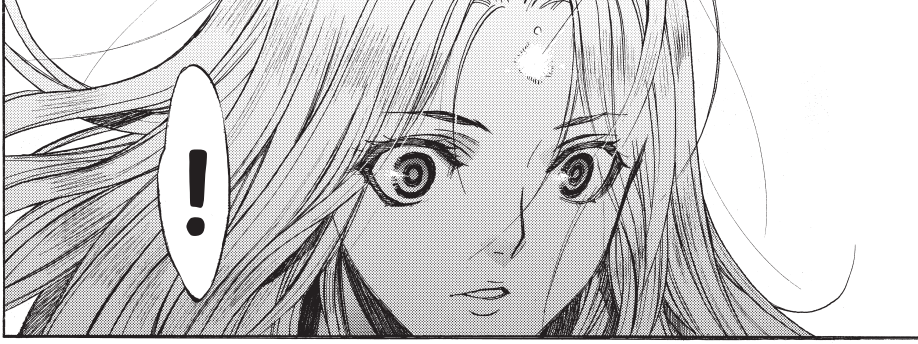



OH...
COMING!
YOU COME TOO, SHARLE.


NOT AT ALL. I'LL COME BACK UP LATER.


DO YOU MIND?
I WANT TO STAY HERE A WHILE.


WHAT WILL YOU DO, CAPTAIN JORGE?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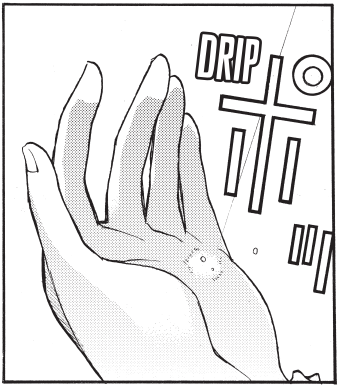
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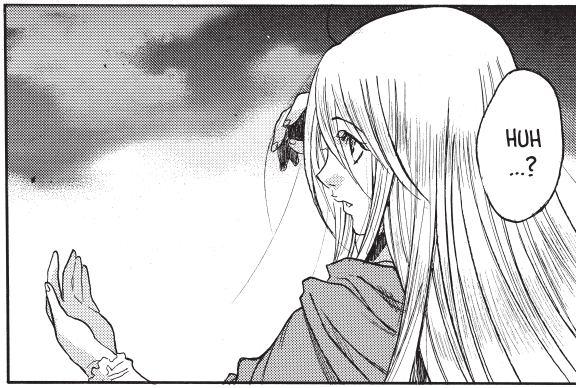
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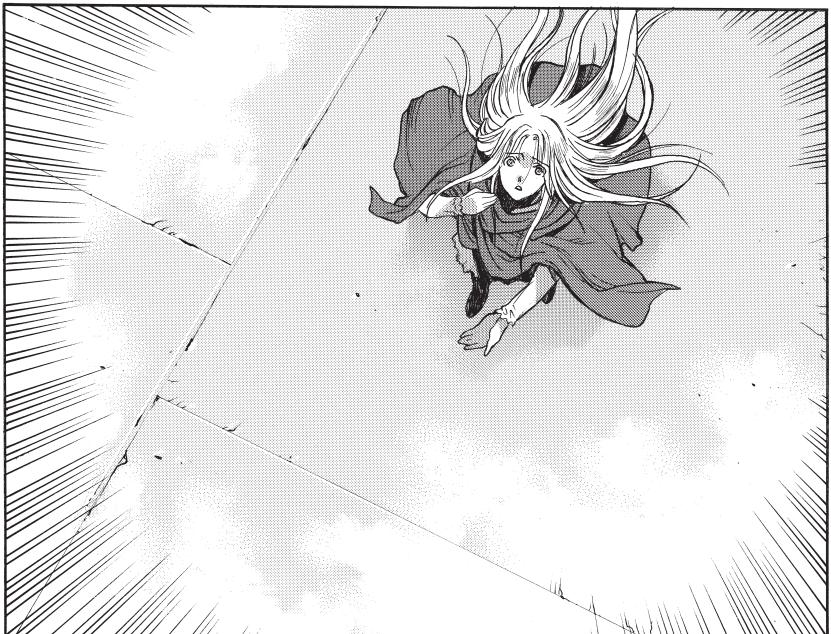

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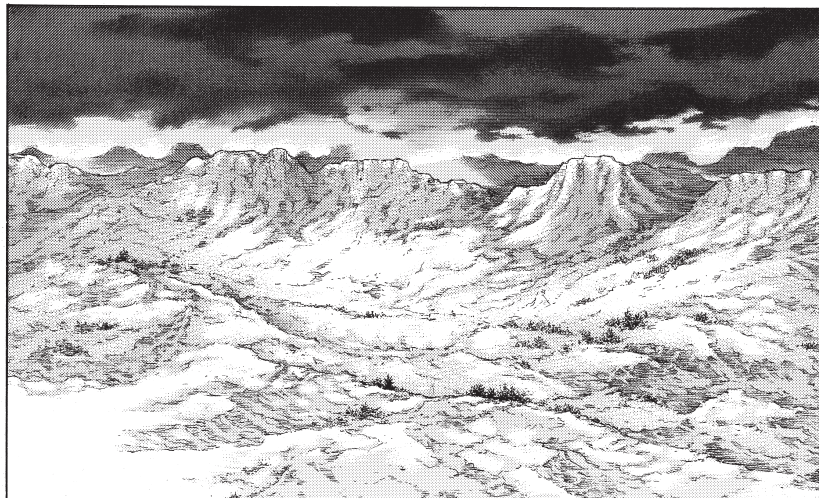
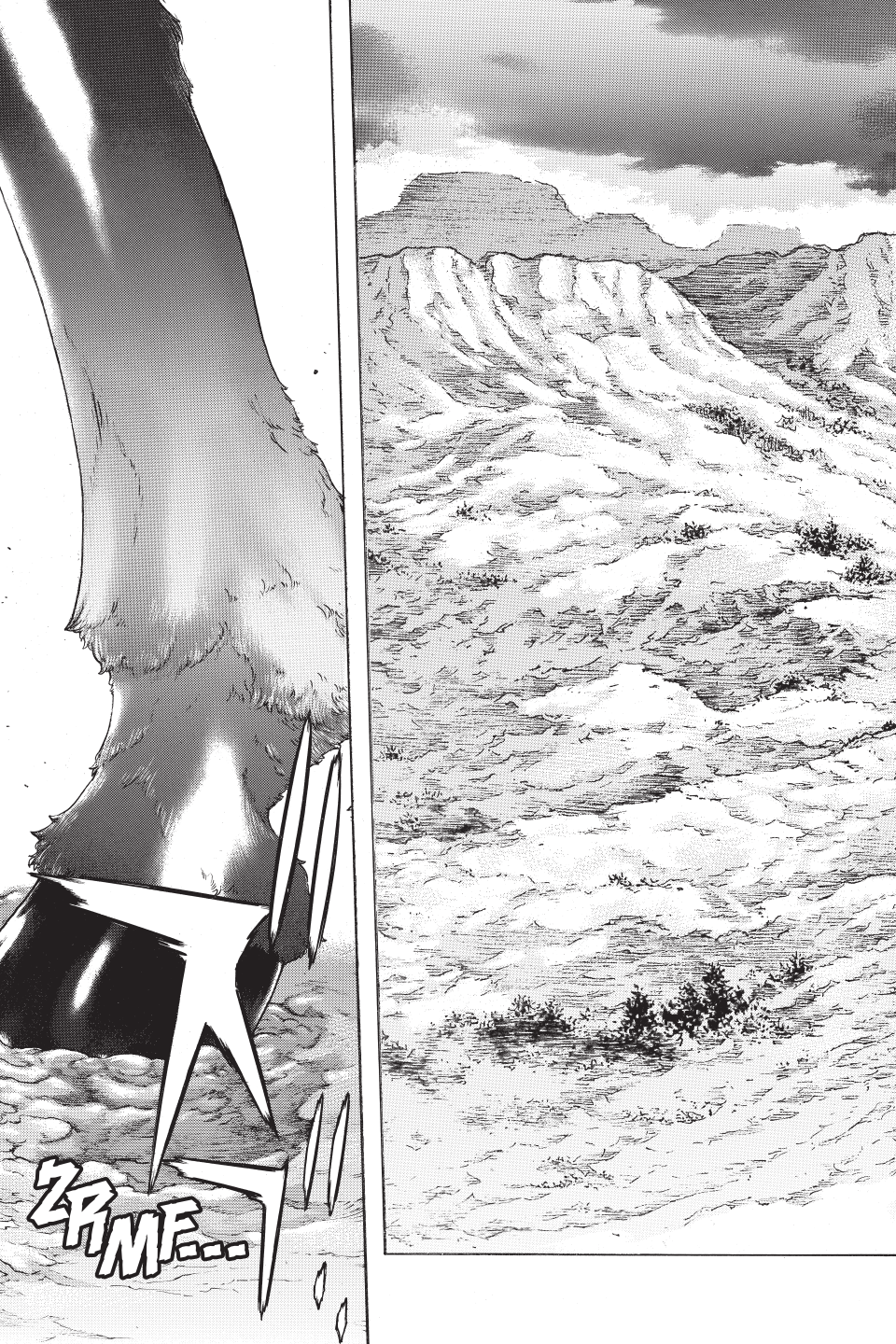
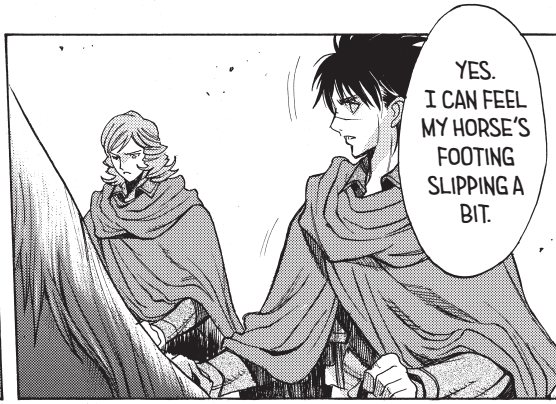
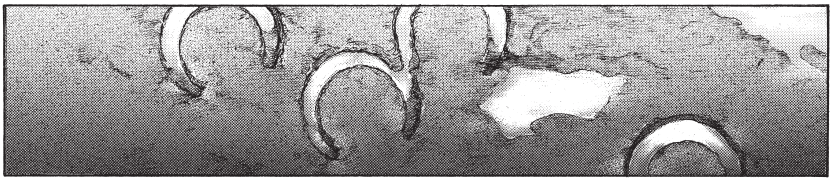



ZRMF...

GROUND CONDITIONS ARE RATHER POOR.

I CAN ONLY HOPE IT WON'T HAVE AN EFFECT IN BATTLE AGAINST A TITAN.


YES. I CAN FEEL MY HORSE'S FOOTING SLIPPING A BIT.



CAPTAIN CARLO.
YES?
I HAVEN'T SPOTTED ANY SIGNS OF TITANS SO FAR.
ARE YOU NOT GOING TO SEND OUT ANY SCOUTS?
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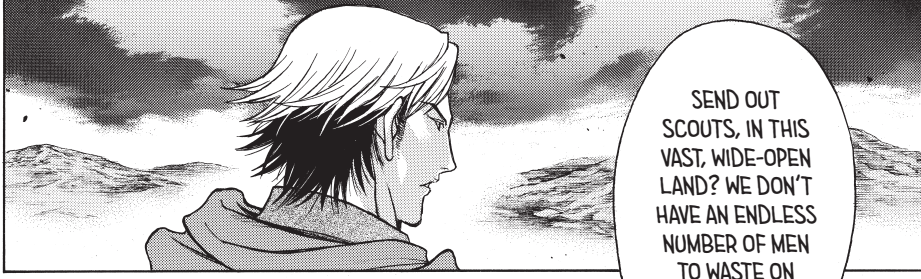
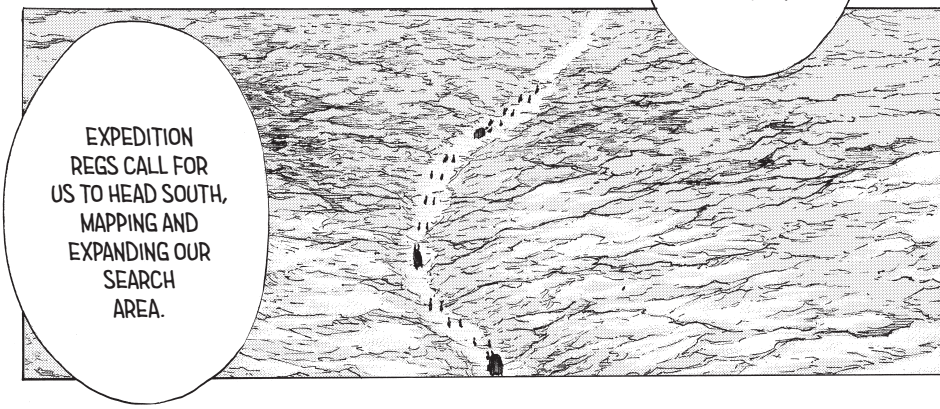
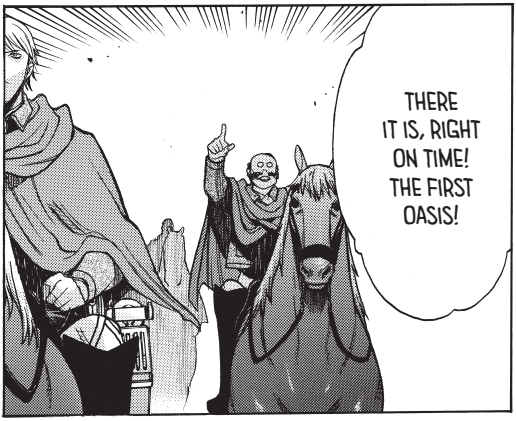
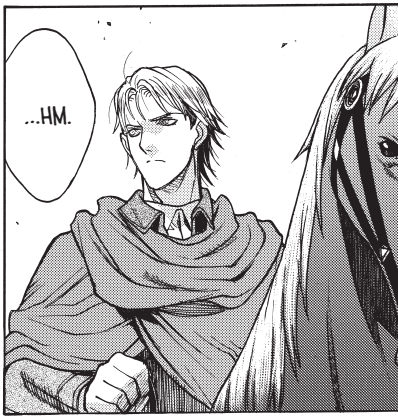
TOK


SEND OUT SCOUTS, IN THIS VAST, WIDE-OPEN LAND? WE DON'T HAVE AN ENDLESS NUMBER OF MEN TO WASTE ON SUCH THINGS.


EXPEDITION REGS CALL FOR US TO HEAD SOUTH, MAPPING AND EXPANDING OUR SEARCH AREA.


THERE IT IS, RIGHT ON TIME! THE FIRST OASIS!


...HM.

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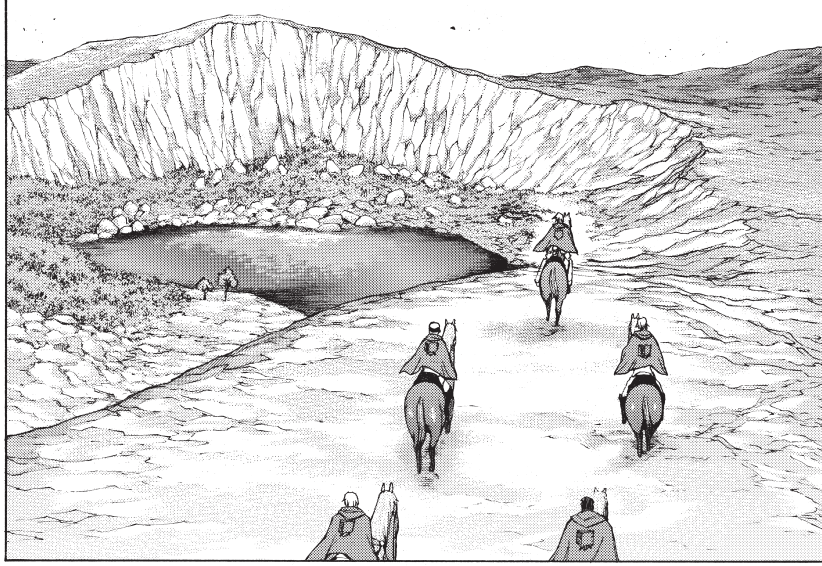

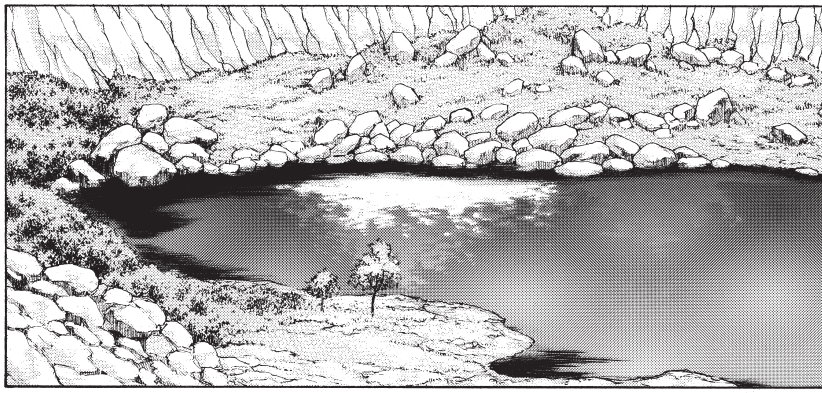

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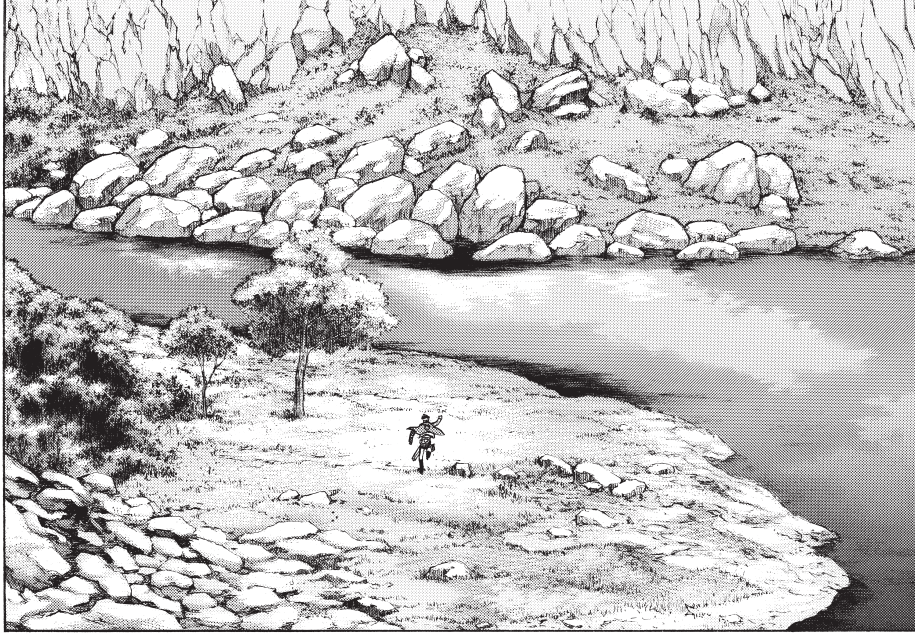
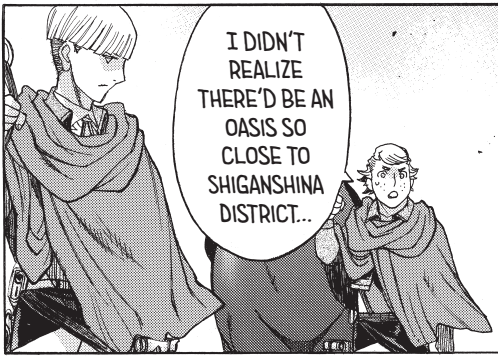


EVEN FROM THE TOP OF WALL MARIA, WE COULDN'T SEE IT OVER THIS MOUNTAIN BLOCKING THE WAY.


I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE'D BE AN OASIS SO CLOSE TO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...

WE DIDN'T COME THIS FAR ON THE NIGHT OF OUR "EXILE," REMEMBER?

I SEEM TO REMEMBER RUNNING AND RUNNING WITH NO END IN SIGHT.

BECAUSE WE JUMPED RIGHT OFF THE CARRIAGE NOT LONG AFTER IT LEFT THE GATES.

AND THAT WAS ONLY ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS FROM WALL MARIA.

THIRTY-MINUTE REPRIEVE HERE FOR TEAM TEN AND TEAM NINE!

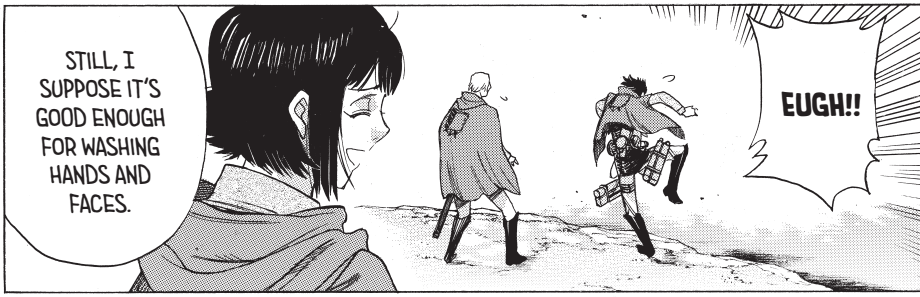
THE TEAMS WHO GOT HERE FIRST FINISHED THEIR BREAKS IN ORDER AND LEFT AGAIN.

JUST US? WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN CARLO AND THE OTHERS?

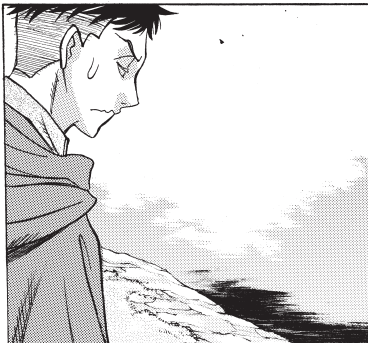
DO NOT BEFOUL THE LAKE!!
IF NATURE CALLS, YOU CAN GO BEHIND THE ROCKS OR IN THE WOODS!

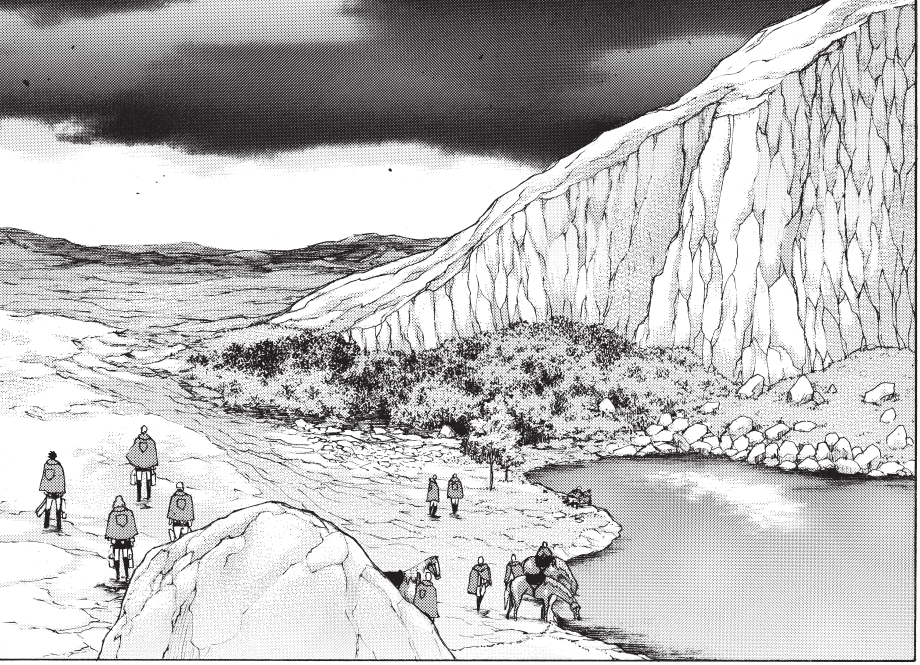
PREVIOUS SURVEYING FOUND THE WATER QUALITY TO BE GOOD ENOUGH TO DRINK...
...BUT I WOULDN'T DO IT. WHAT IF TITANS HAVE BEEN BATHING HERE?

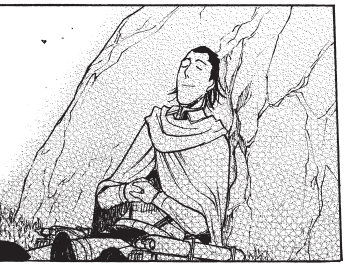
OH, HEY!
DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN DRINK THE LAKE WATER?

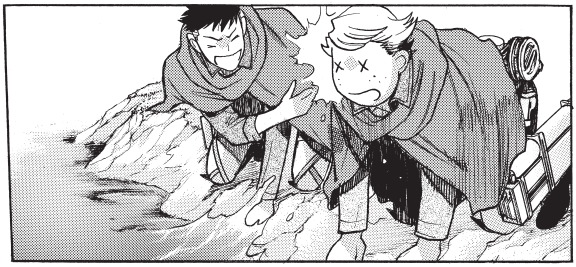

STILL, I SUPPOSE IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR WASHING HANDS AND FACES.
EUGH!!

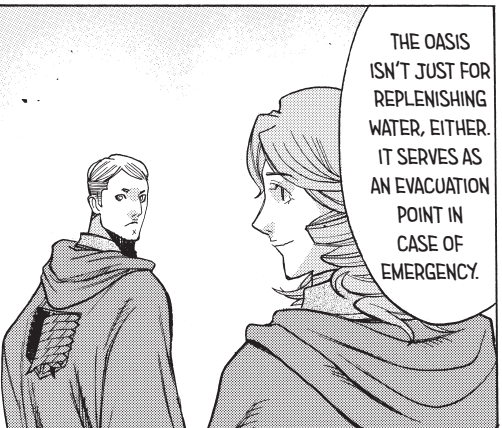
M-ME, TOO!
YEAH, I GUESS! I NEED A GOOD WASH!

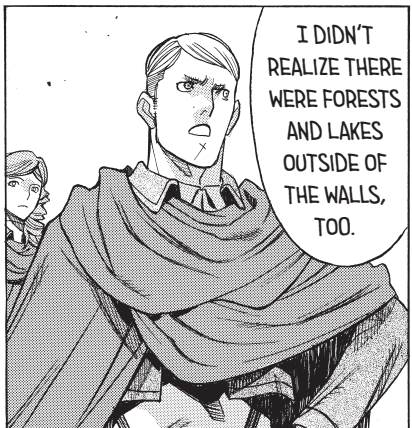






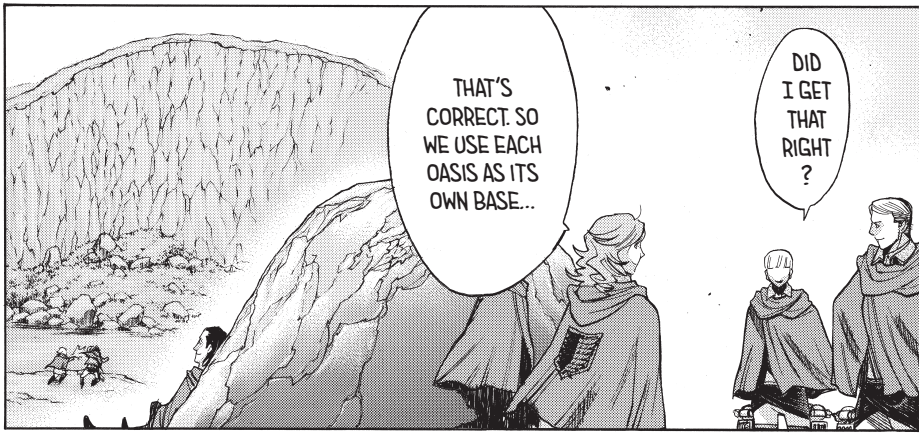


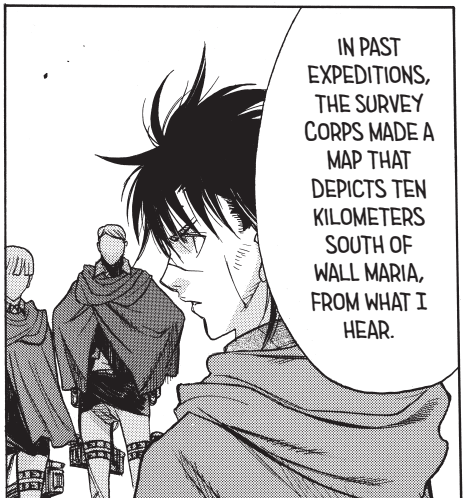

THE OASIS ISN'T JUST FOR REPLENISHING WATER, EITHER. IT SERVES AS AN EVACUATION POINT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

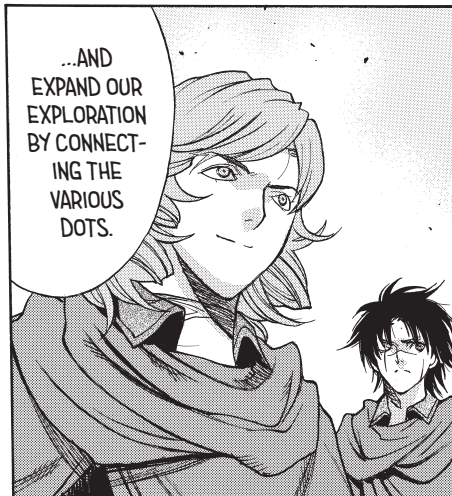

I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WERE FORESTS AND LAKES OUTSIDE OF THE WALLS, TOO.

UNLIKE THE WIDE-OPEN DESERTS, A WATERING AREA LIKE THIS ONE CLOSE TO THE TREES...
...OFFERS PLACES TO HIDE FROM TITANS, OR YOU CAN USE THE WOODS AS COVER TO ESCAPE...

EVACUATION?
OH, YES. WE LEARNED THAT IN TRAINING.


DID I GET THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S CORRECT. SO WE USE EACH OASIS AS ITS OWN BASE...


IN PAST EXPEDITIONS, THE SURVEY CORPS MADE A MAP THAT DEPICTS TEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF WALL MARIA, FROM WHAT I HEAR.


...AND EXPAND OUR EXPLORATION BY CONNECTING THE VARIOUS DOTS.

THIS ONE IS FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT.

ONE IS SEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST, AND THE LAST IS TEN KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST.

IN THAT DISTANCE, THEY IDENTIFIED THREE OASES.

SHIGANSHINA

5-KM OASIS

PRESENT LOCATION

7-KM OASIS

10 KM

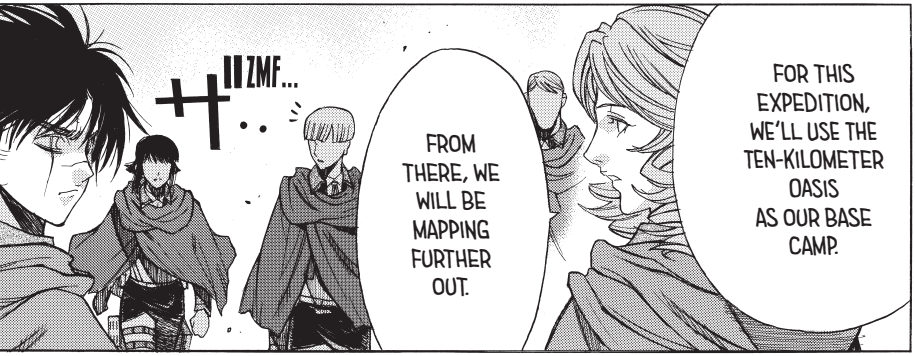
10-KM OASIS

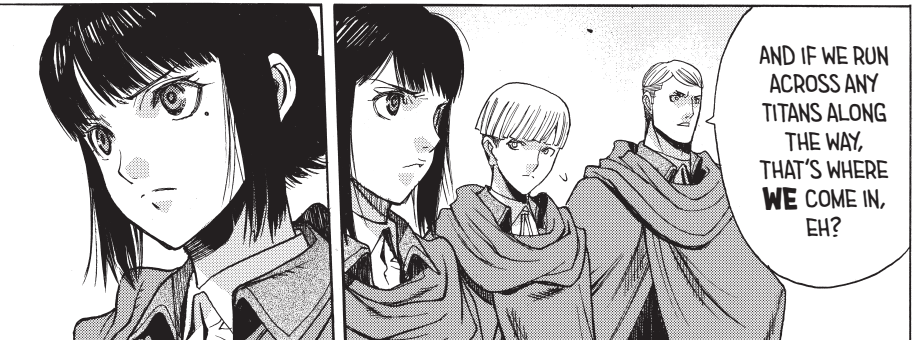
NORTH

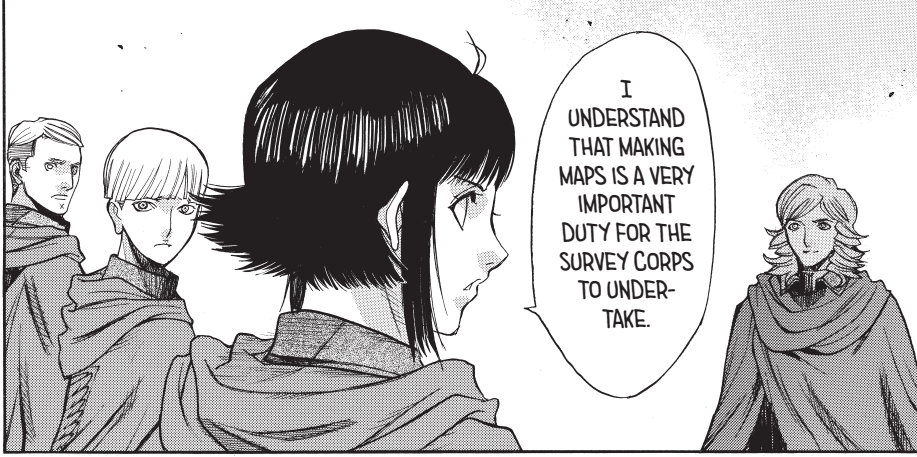
WEST

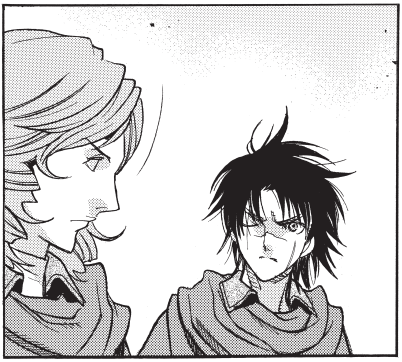
EAST

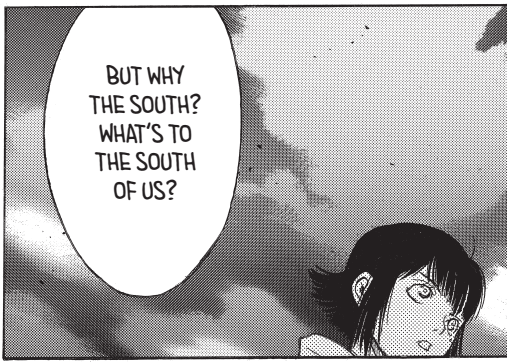
SOUTH



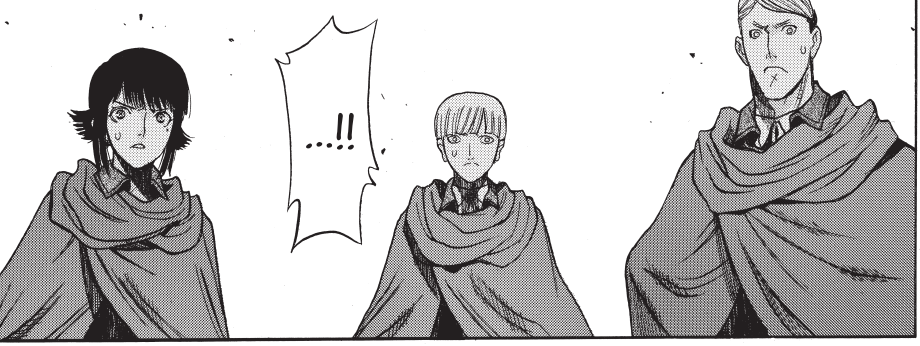



I UNDERSTAND THAT MAKING MAPS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DUTY FOR THE SURVEY CORPS TO UNDER-TAKE.




BUT WHY THE SOUTH? WHAT'S TO THE SOUTH OF US?

IF WE'RE GOING TO DISCOVER **SOMETHING** IT WILL BE FROM THAT DIRECTION.
THE TITANS COME FROM THE SOUTH.
WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT SOMETHING WILL BE.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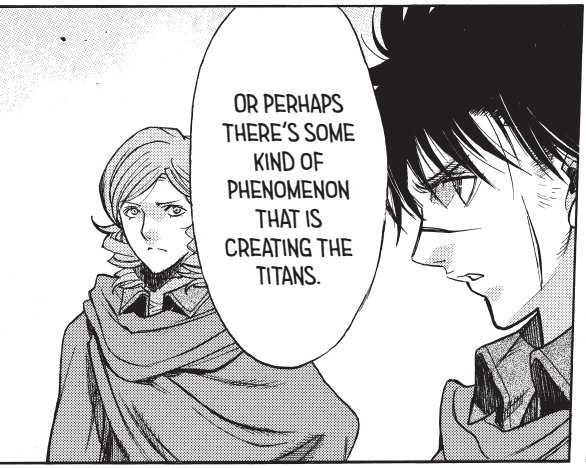
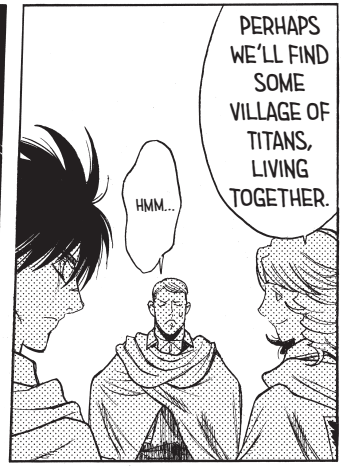

OR PERHAPS THERE'S SOME KIND OF PHENOMENON THAT IS CREATING THE TITANS.


PERHAPS WE'LL FIND SOME VILLAGE OF TITANS, LIVING TOGETHER.
HMM...

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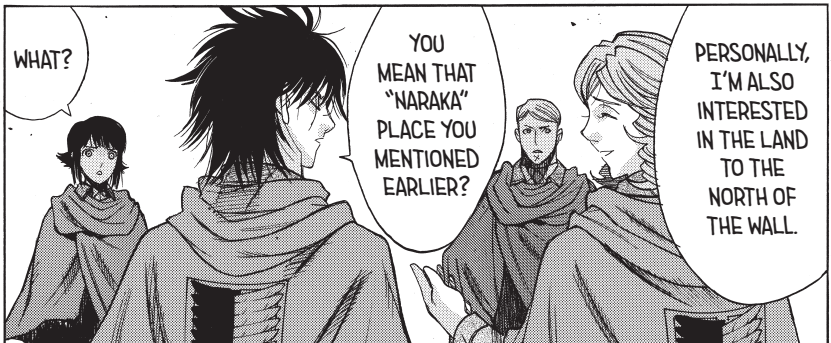
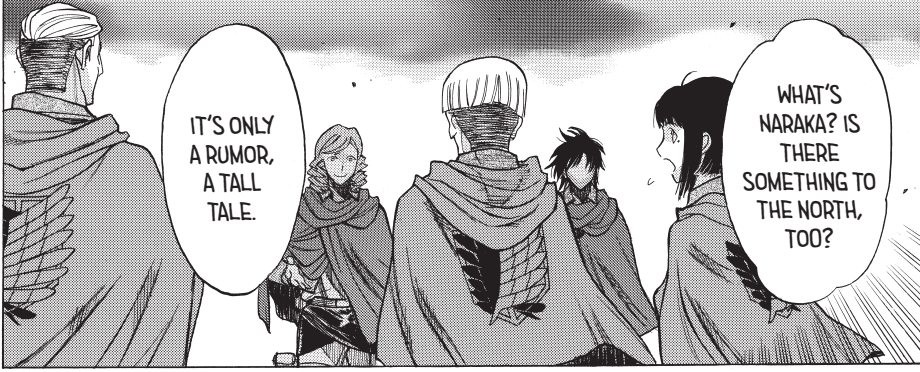
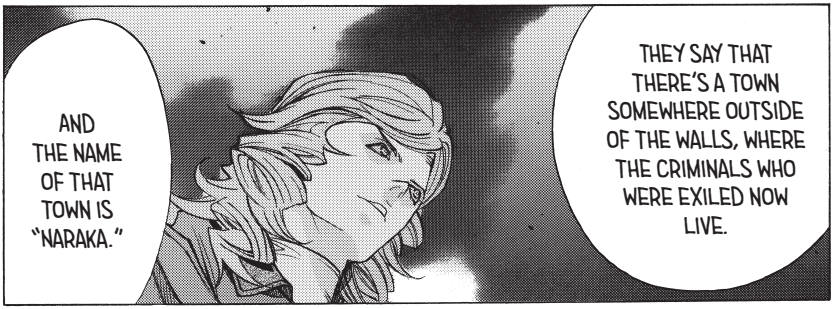
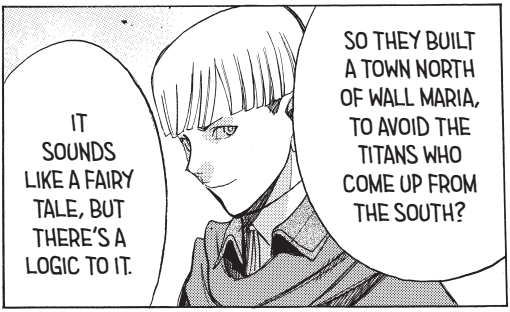
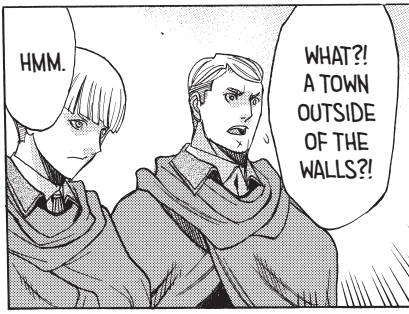
GULP


WHAT?
YOU MEAN THAT "NARAKA" PLACE YOU MENTIONED EARLIER?
PERSONALLY, I'M ALSO INTERESTED IN THE LAND TO THE NORTH OF THE WALL.

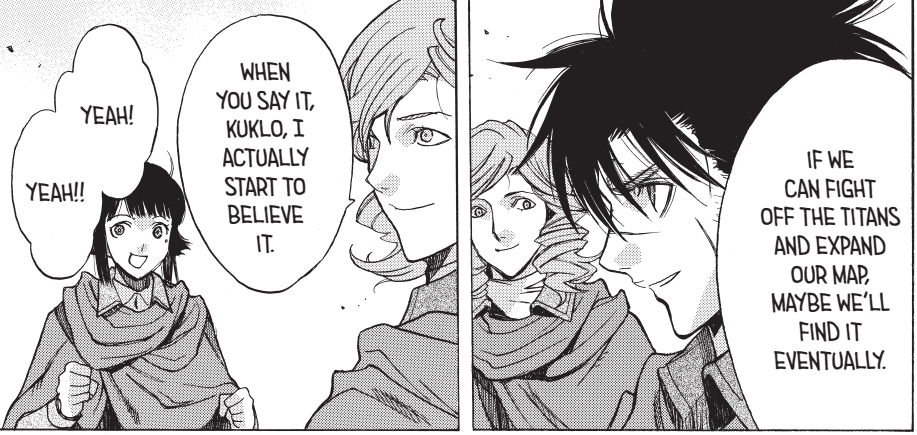

WHAT'S NARAKA? IS THERE SOMETHING TO THE NORTH, TOO?
IT'S ONLY A RUMOR, A TALL TALE.


THEY SAY THAT THERE'S A TOWN SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF THE WALLS, WHERE THE CRIMINALS WHO WERE EXILED NOW LIVE.
AND THE NAME OF THAT TOWN IS "NARAKA."

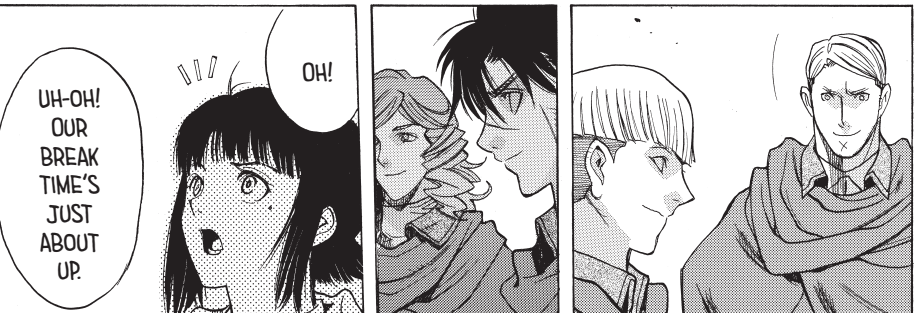

SO THEY BUILT A TOWN NORTH OF WALL MARIA, TO AVOID THE TITANS WHO COME UP FROM THE SOUTH?
IT SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE, BUT THERE'S A LOGIC TO IT.


WHAT?! A TOWN OUTSIDE OF THE WALLS?!
HMM.

IF IT ACTUALLY EXISTS, I'D LIKE TO GO THERE ONE DAY.

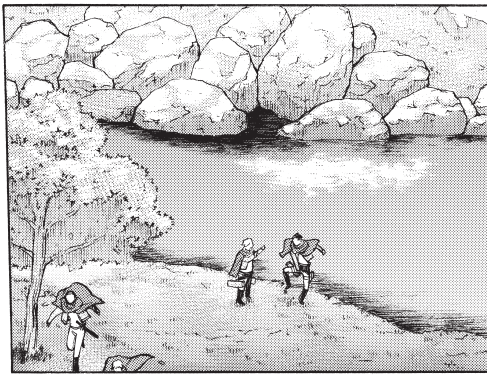

YEAH!
YEAH!!
WHEN YOU SAY IT, KUKLO, I ACTUALLY START TO BELIEVE IT.
IF WE CAN FIGHT OFF THE TITANS AND EXPAND OUR MAP, MAYBE WE'LL FIND IT EVENTUALLY.

AND WE'LL ALL GO TOGETHER !!


UH-OH! OUR BREAK TIME'S JUST ABOUT UP.
OH!

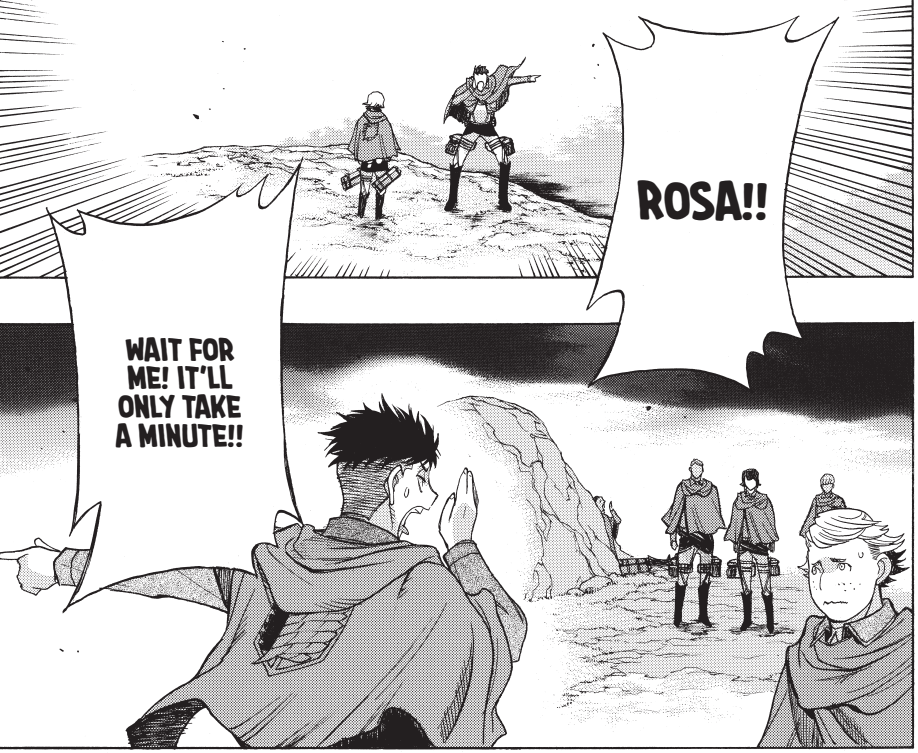
IT'S TIME TO GO !!
KAI! IVO!!

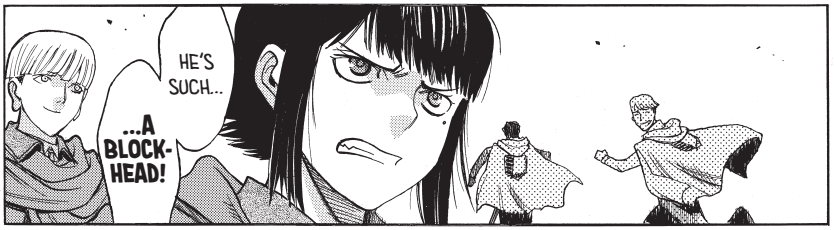
WHAT ARE THEY ...?

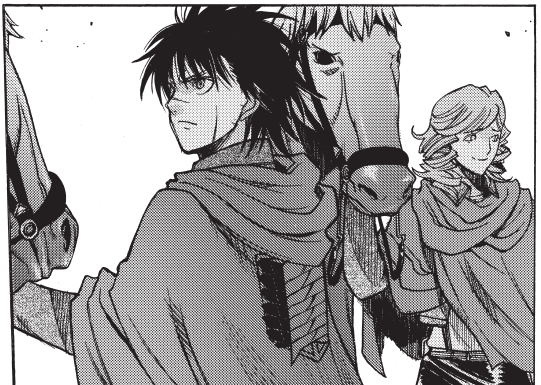


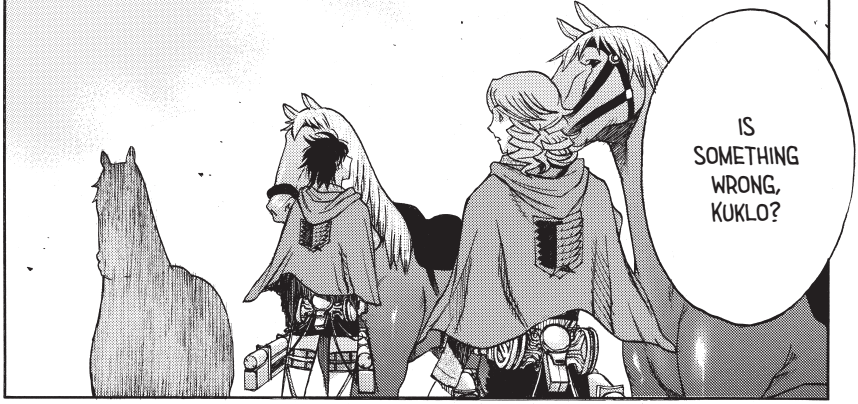
I TOLD YOU TO TAKE CARE OF IT...
I HAVEN'T GONE YET.
DANG IT.
OH, CRAP.

I THINK THEY ARE SAY-ING...

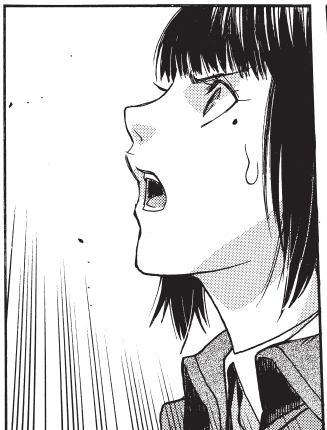

ROSA!!
WAIT FOR ME! IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE!!


HE'S SUCH...
...A BLOCK-HEAD!




IS SOMETHING WRONG, KUKLO?

ROSA !!
IT'S A RED STAR !!!



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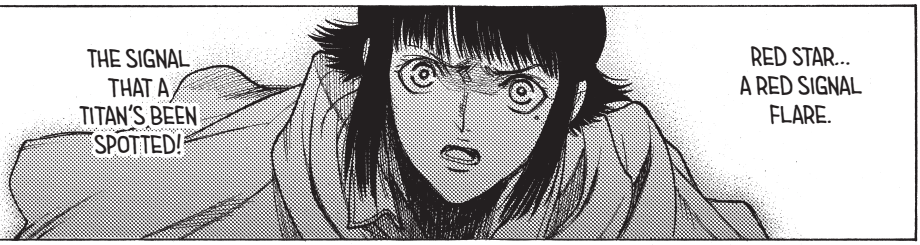
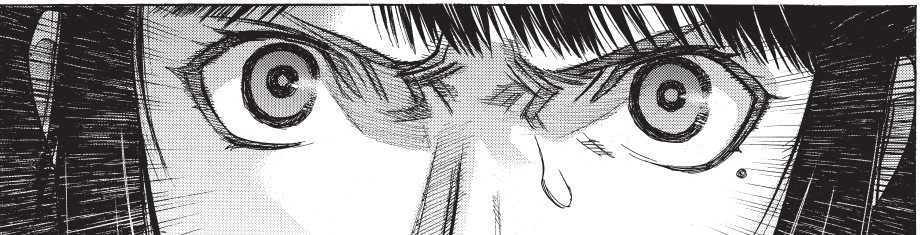
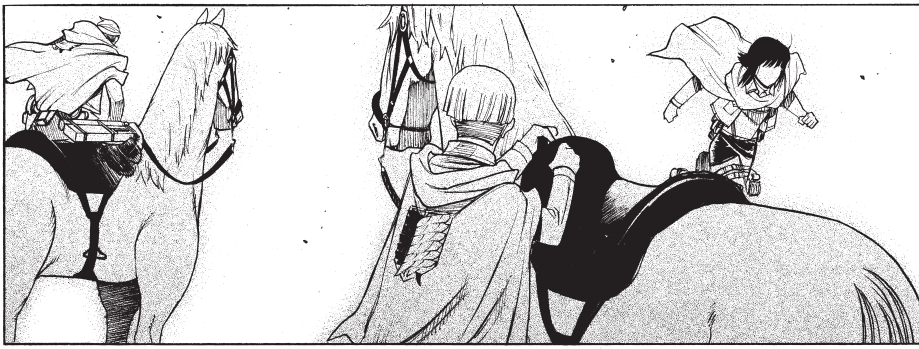
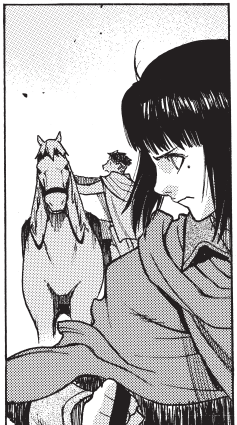
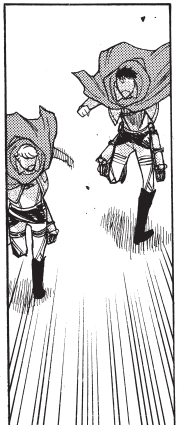

THE SIGNAL THAT A TITAN'S BEEN SPOTTED!
RED STAR... A RED SIGNAL FLARE.

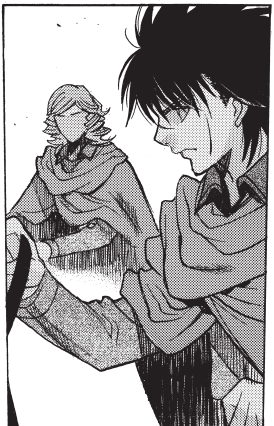


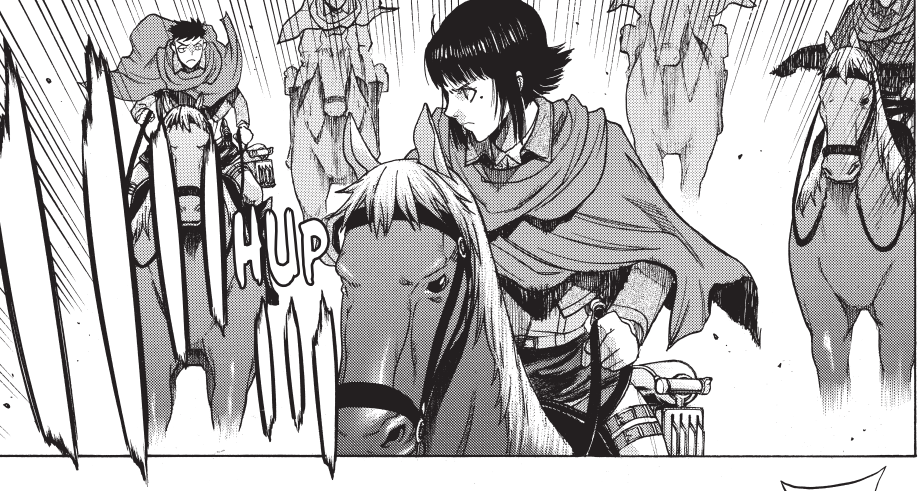
EVERY-ONE MOUNT UP!!







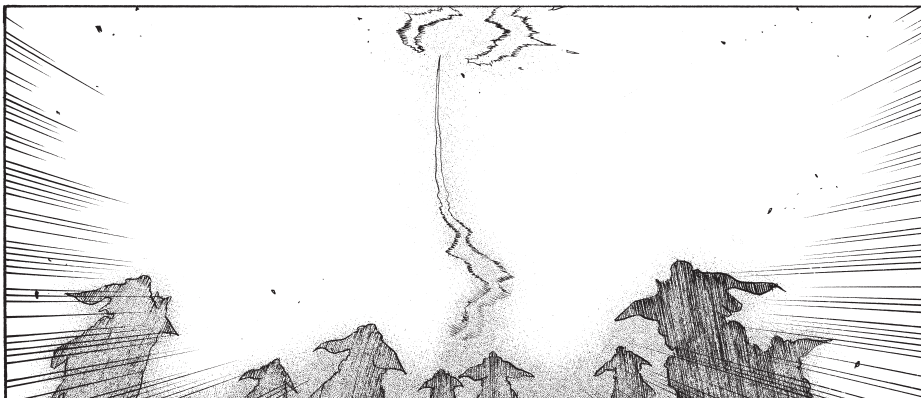


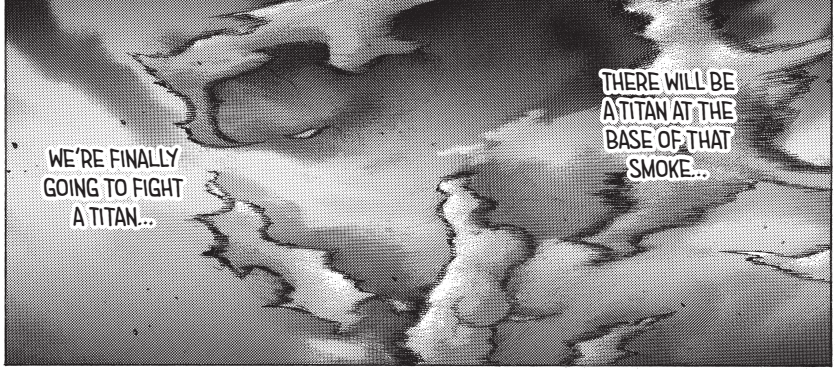

HUP

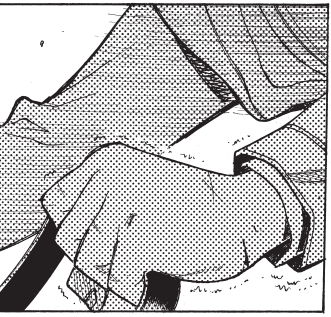
TEAM NINE !!
WE DON'T HAVE EVERY-ONE YET!
GO ON, TEAM TEN! WE'LL CATCH UP!

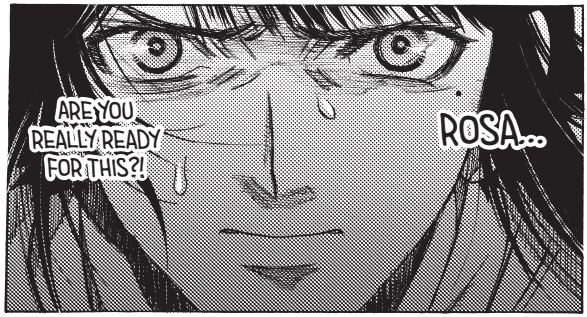
GOT IT!
TEAM TEN, MOVE OUT !!!

BOOM
BA BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM

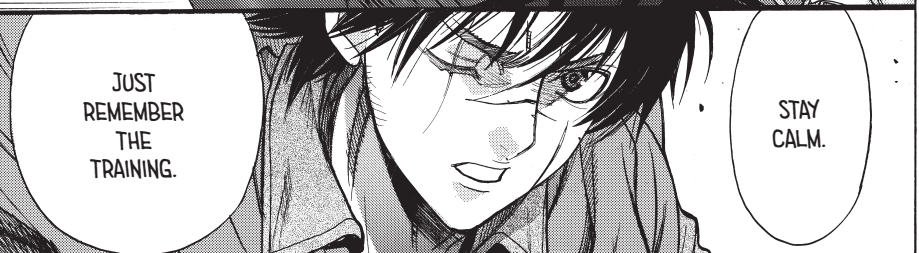


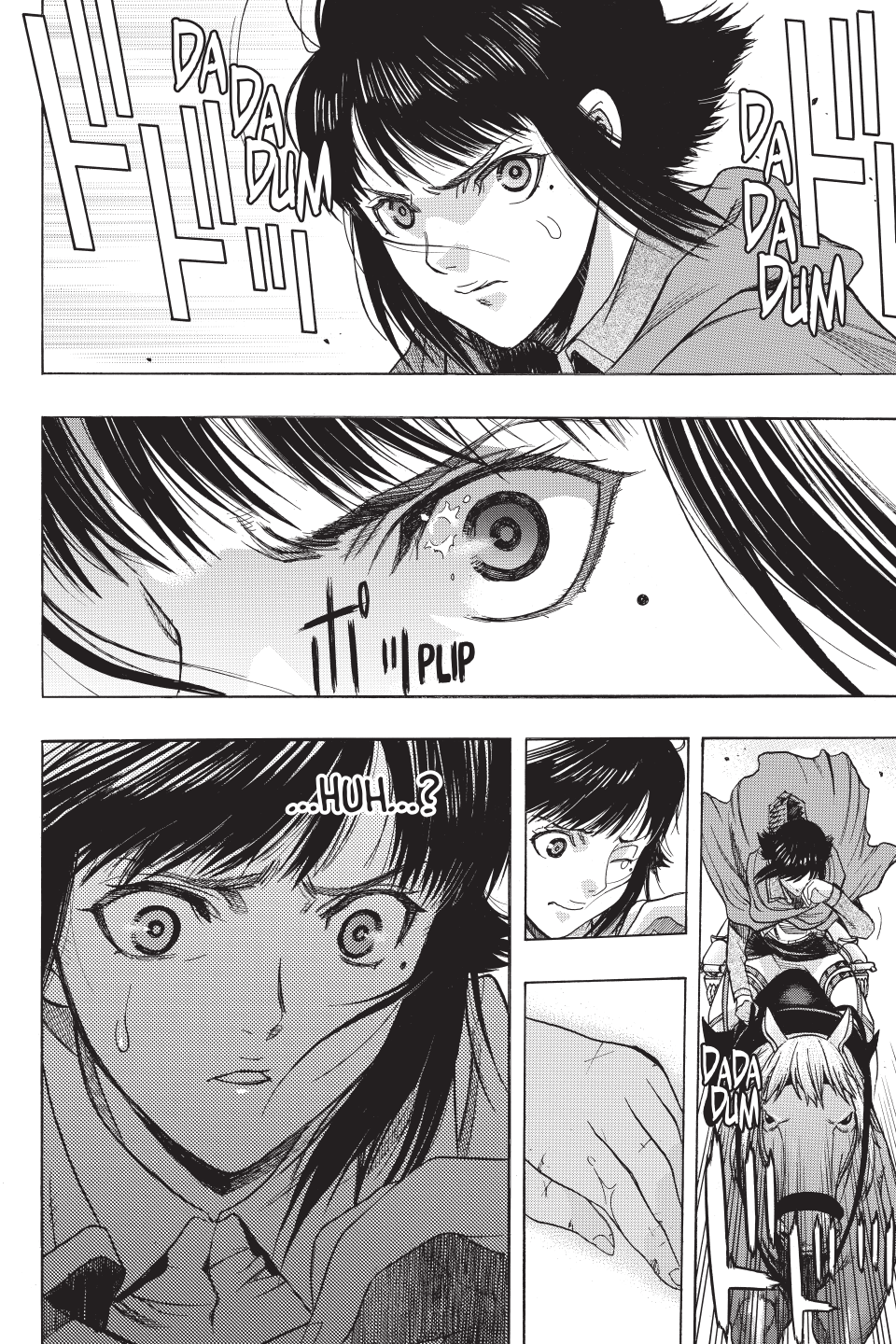

WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO FIGHT A TITAN...
THERE WILL BE A TITAN AT THE BASE OF THAT SMOKE...




ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR THIS?!
ROSA...

DADA DUM!
ROSA.


JUST REMEMBER THE TRAINING.
STAY CALM.


DA DA DUM
DA DA DUM
PLIP
...HUH...?
DADA DUM

RAIN...?!

DA BA BUM

...

DA BA BUM

THAT'S BAD...

DRIP

DRIP

DRIP

FSSSSHHHH
DADADUM
DADADUM

DADA DUM
!!
NEEIGH
...HUH?

DADA DUM
WHOA! WHOA!

TH-THE RAIN WIPED OUT THE...
WHAT IS IT, ROSA ?!

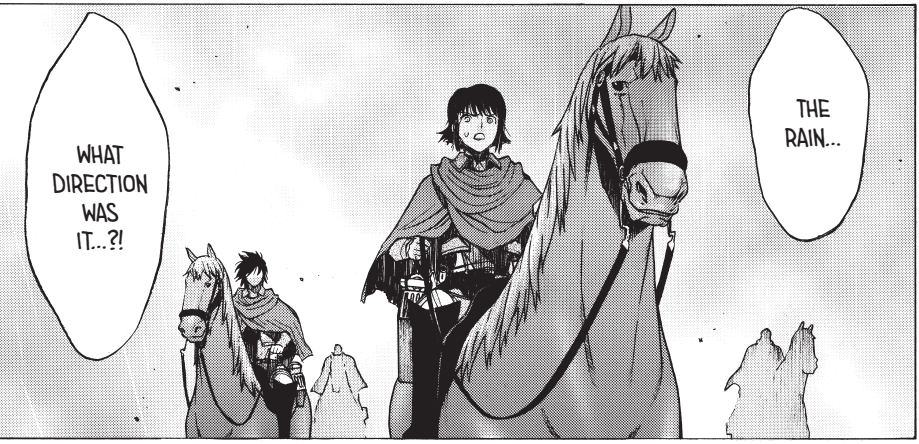
WHAT DIRECTION WAS IT...?!

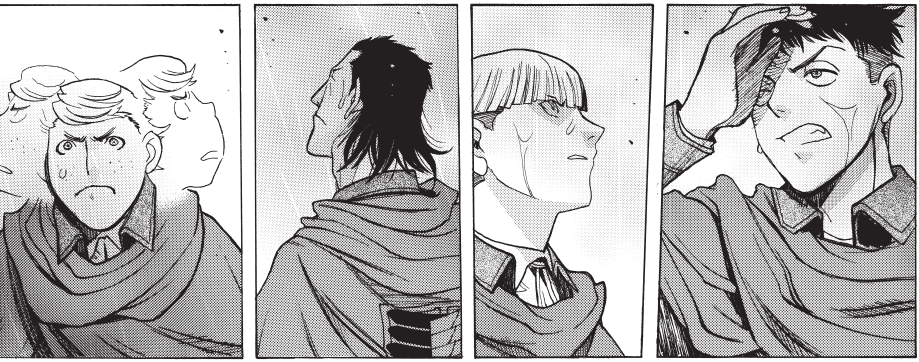
Chapter 59: Quagmire Underfoot · End

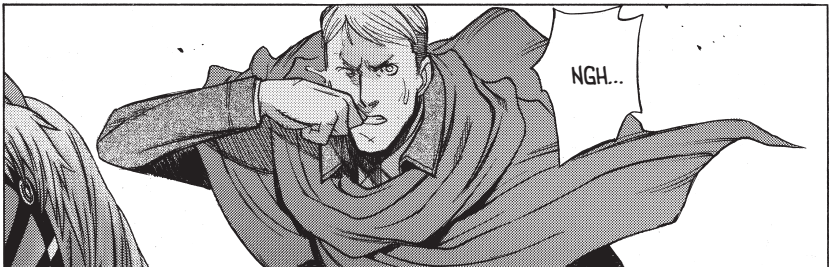
ATTACK ON TITAN

BEFORE THE FALL

...OH, NO...


THE RAIN...
WHAT DIRECTION WAS IT...?!




NGH...

WHICH WAY WAS THE RED STAR?!!
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Chapter 60: Tragedy in the Rain

30 MINUTES EARLIER,
9 KM SOUTHWEST OF
SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT

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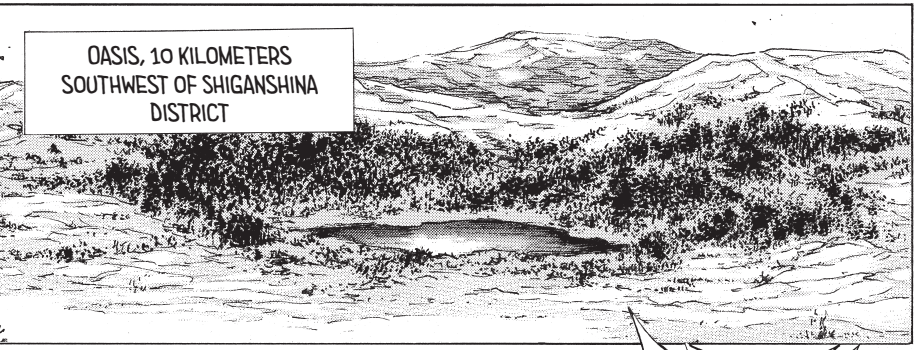
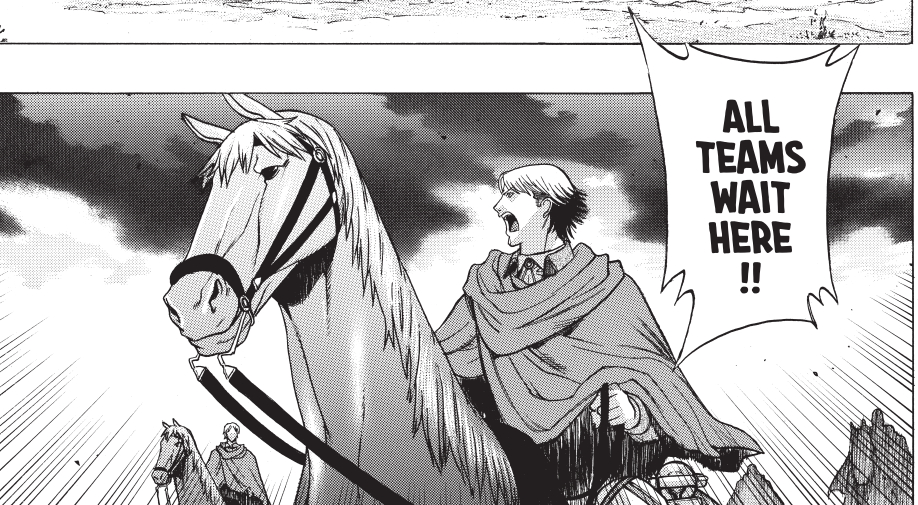
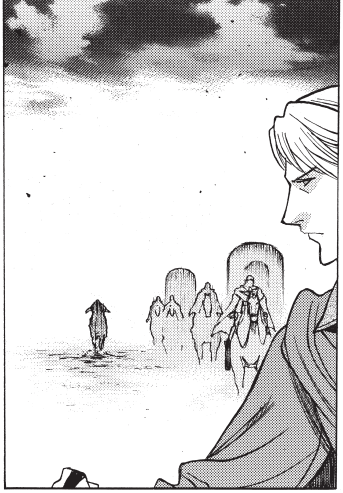
5-KM OASIS
7-KM OASIS
CAPTAIN CARLO,
TEAMS 1-8
10-KM OASIS

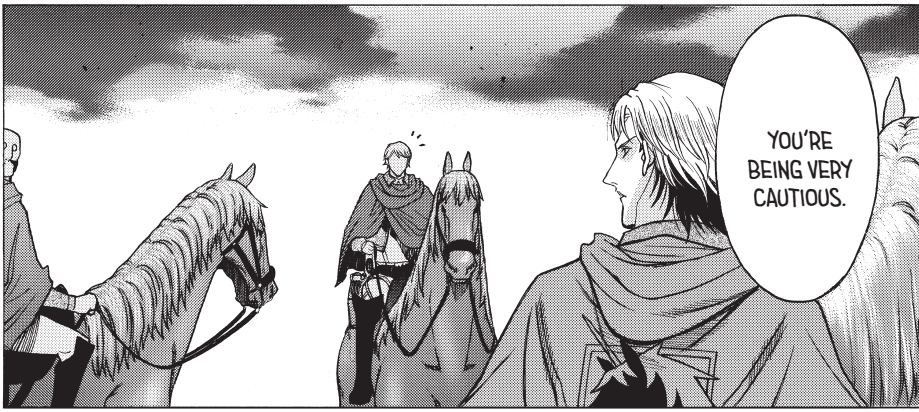
CAPTAIN CARLO.
YES?

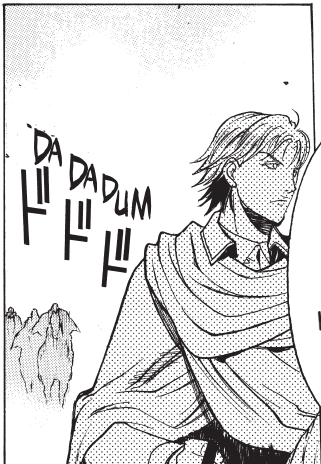

OASIS, 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT


ALL TEAMS WAIT HERE !!



MES-SEN-GER!
TEAMS THREE AND FOUR, SCOUT OUT THE OASIS AHEAD!
YES, SIR!!


YOU'RE BEING VERY CAUTIOUS.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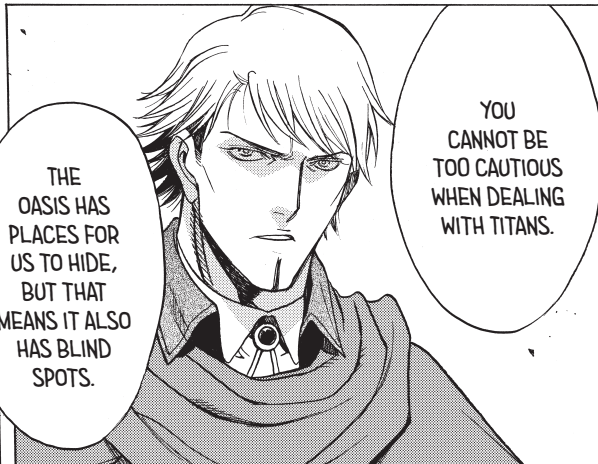
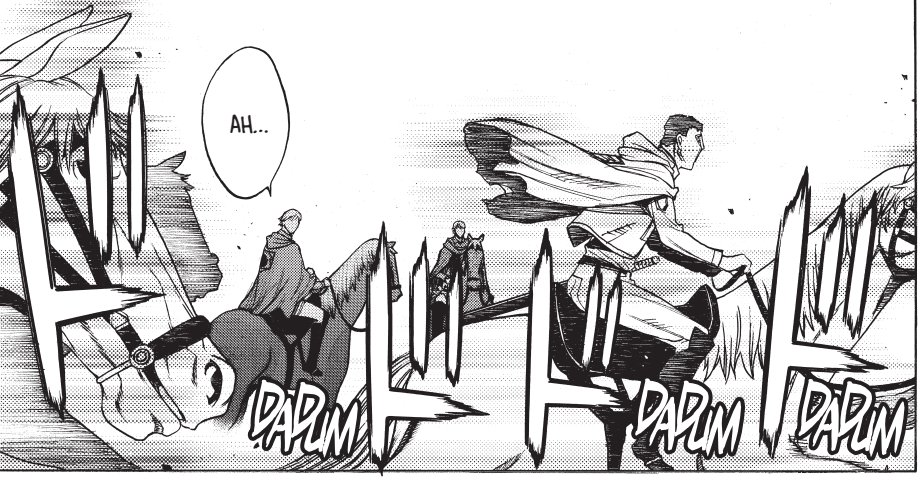

THE OASIS HAS PLACES FOR US TO HIDE, BUT THAT MEANS IT ALSO HAS BLIND SPOTS.
YOU CANNOT BE TOO CAUTIOUS WHEN DEALING WITH TITANS.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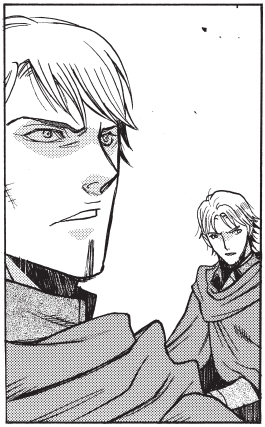
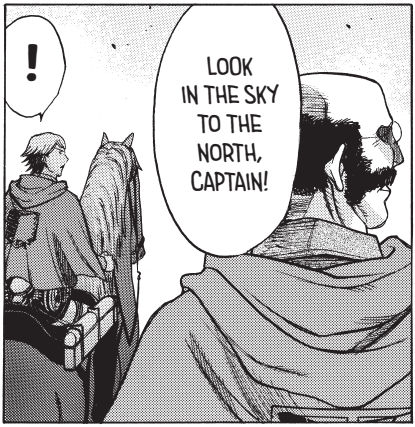
LOOK AT THAT...

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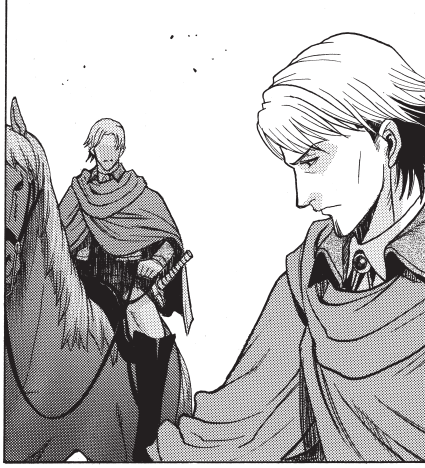
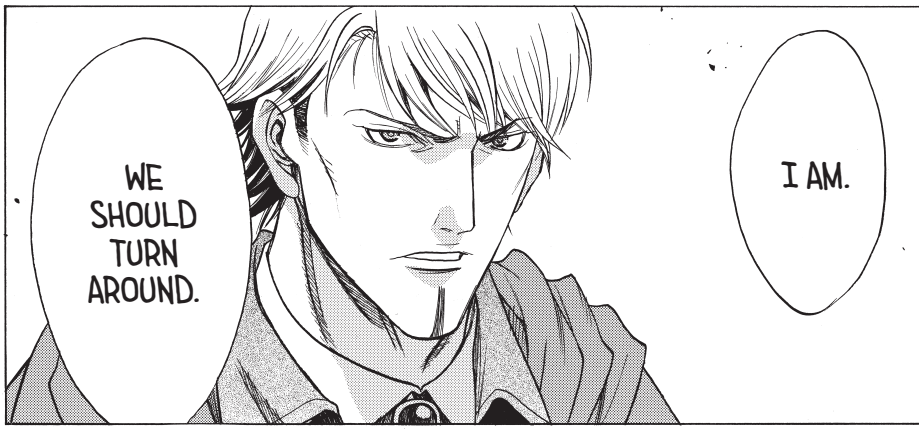
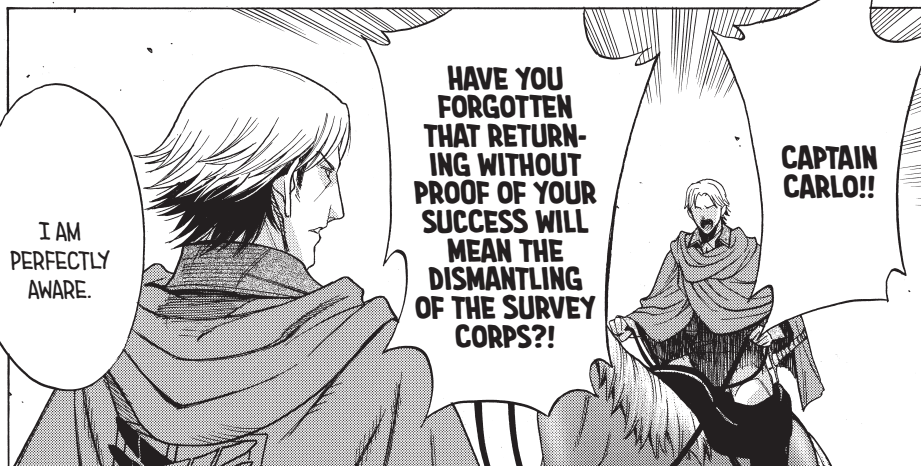
LOOK IN THE SKY TO THE NORTH, CAPTAIN!

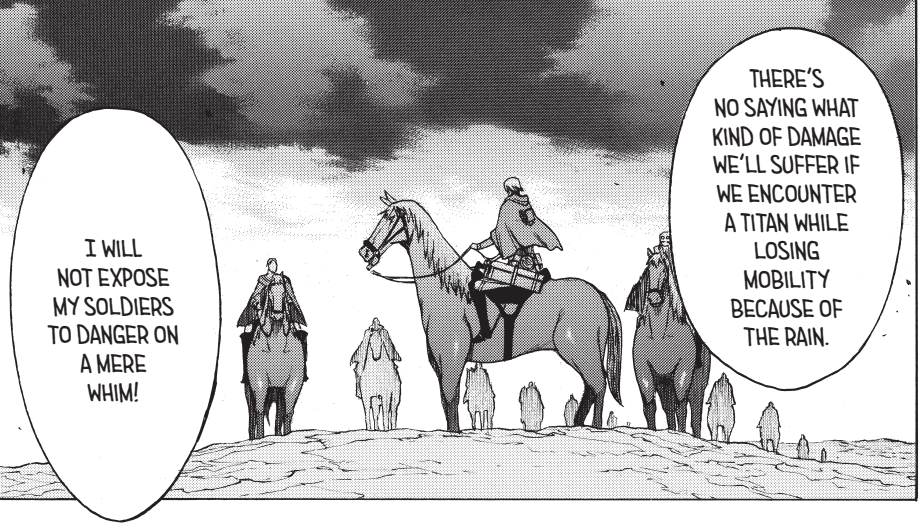
THE RAIN WILL BE RETURN-ING...

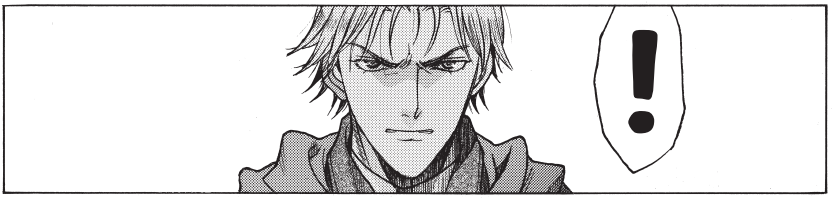
YOU AREN'T GOING TO WITHDRAW AND RETURN TO THE CITY, ARE YOU?




WE SHOULD TURN AROUND.
I AM.


I AM PERFECTLY AWARE.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT RETURNING WITHOUT PROOF OF YOUR SUCCESS WILL MEAN THE DISMANTLING OF THE SURVEY CORPS?!
CAPTAIN CARLO!!


THERE'S NO SAYING WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE WE'LL SUFFER IF WE ENCOUNTER A TITAN WHILE LOSING MOBILITY BECOUSE OF THE RAIN.
I WILL NOT EXPOSE MY SOLDIERS TO DANGER ON A MERE WHIM!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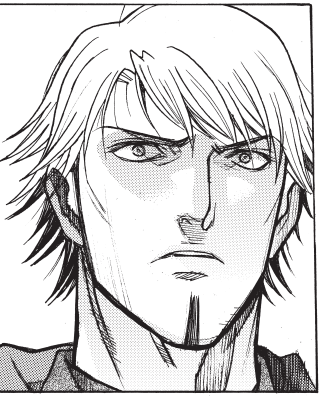
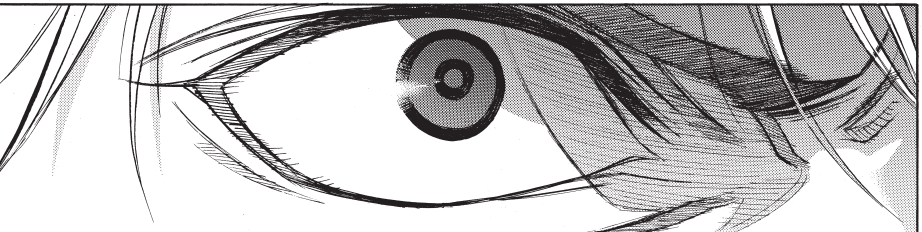
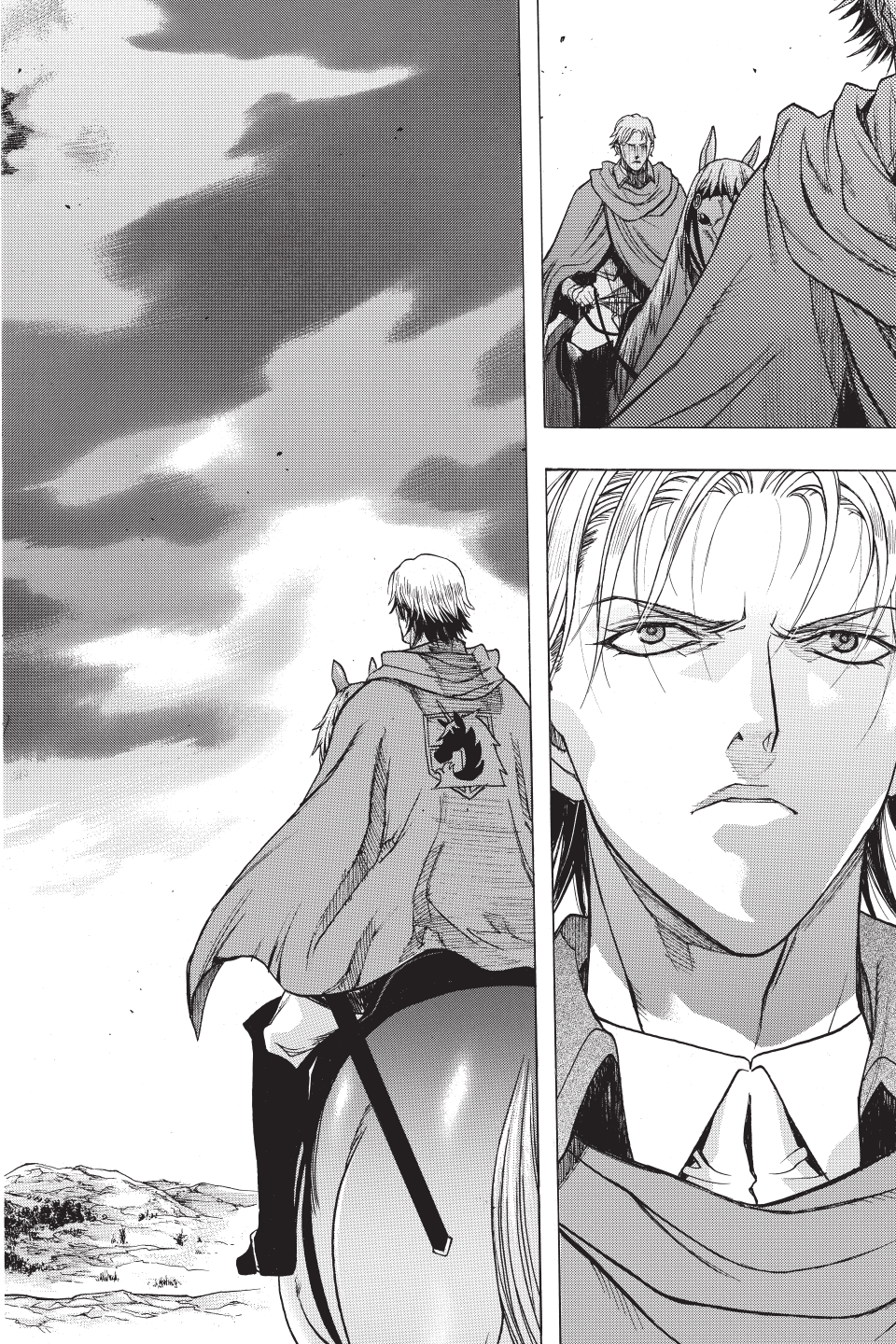
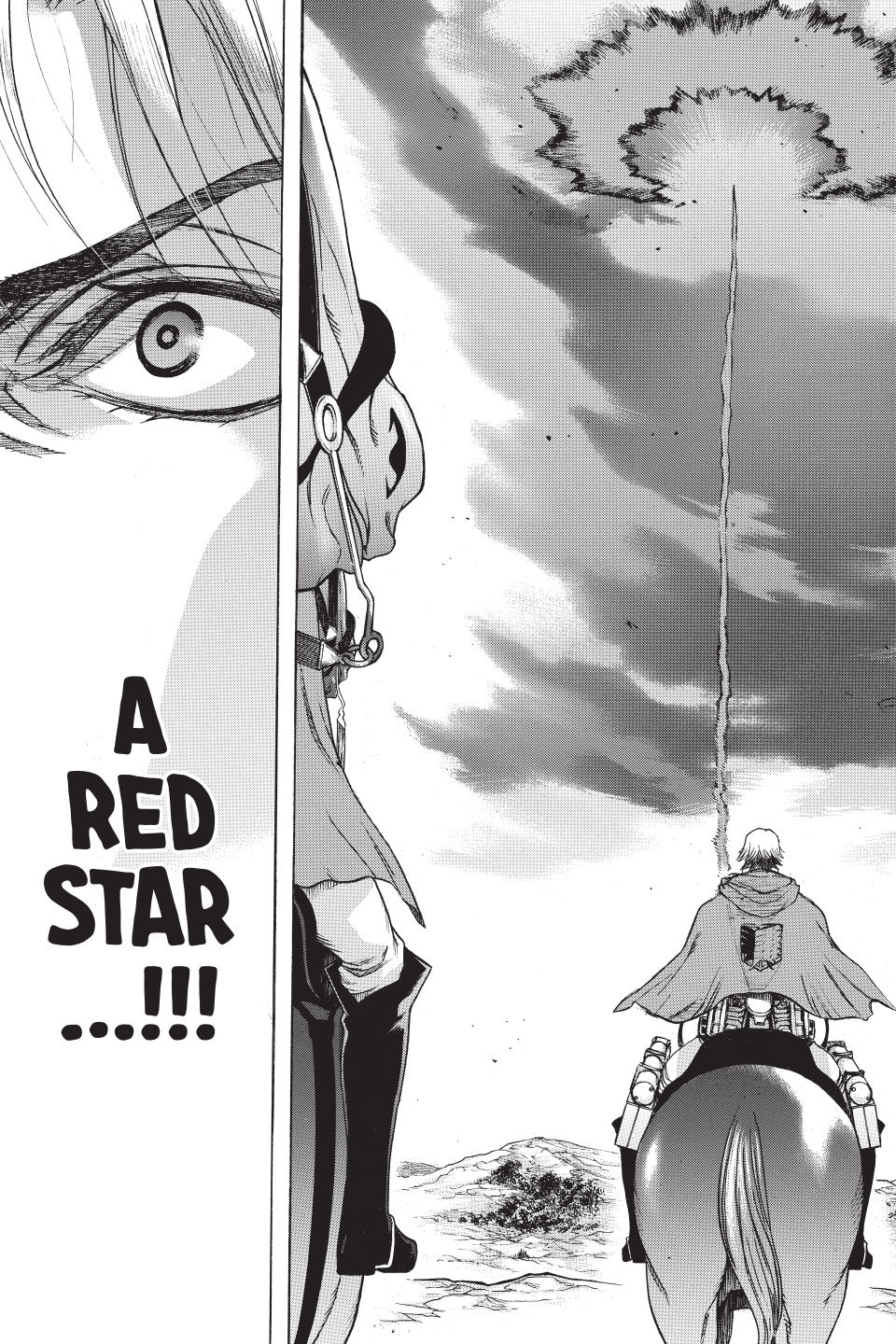
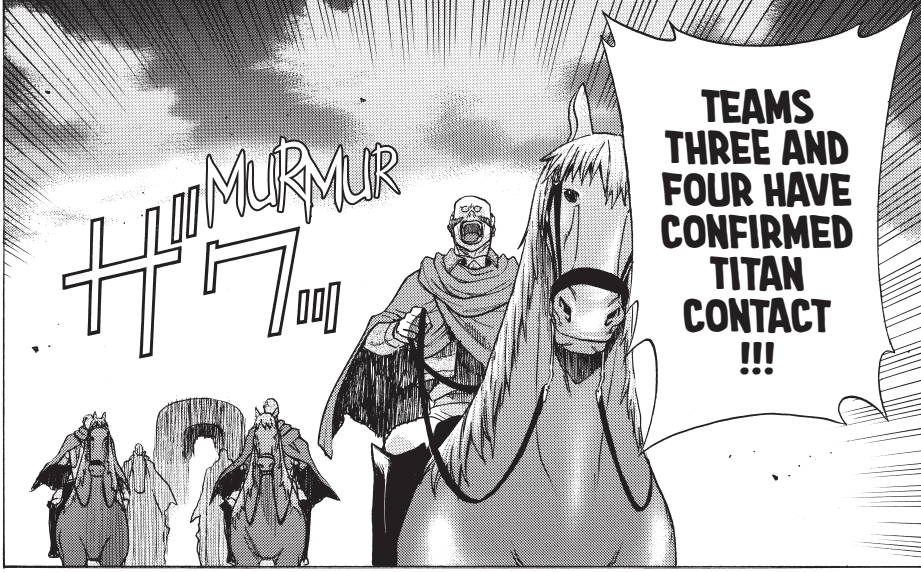


VICE CAPTAIN! SEND ANOTHER MESSENGER AND CALL THREE AND FOUR BACK!
BRR-HRR
CAP-TAIN CARLO !!






A RED STAR ……!!!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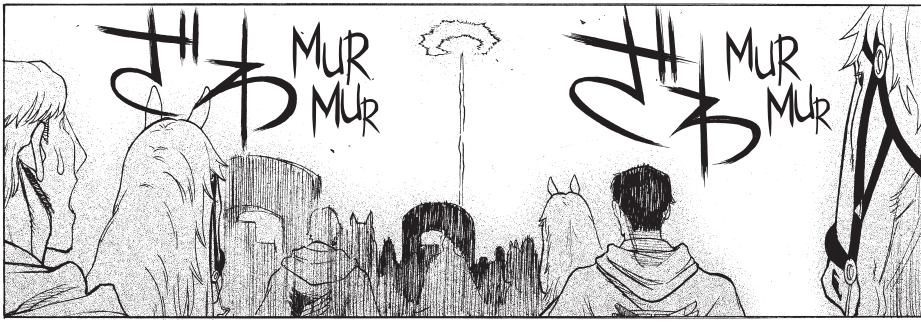
TEAMS THREE AND FOUR HAVE CONFIRMED TITAN CONTACT !!!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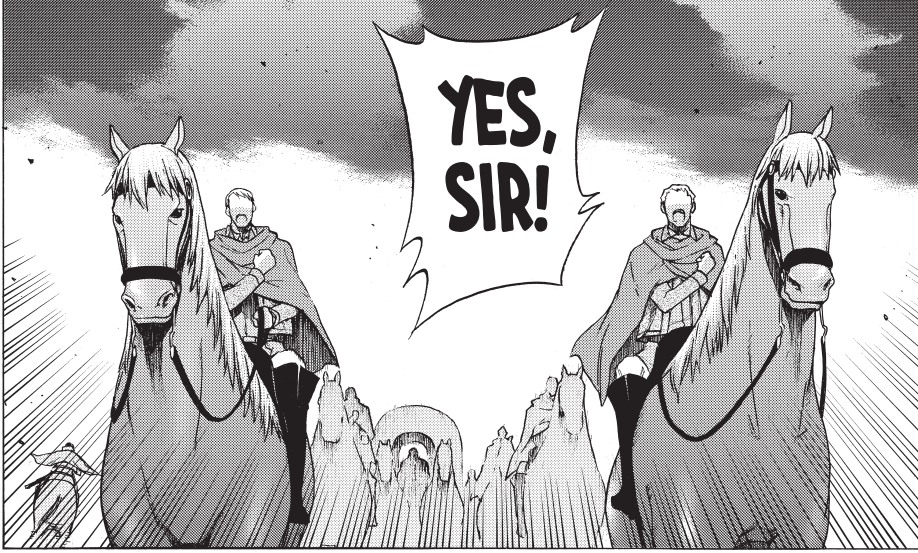
WHAT SHALL WE DO, CAPTAIN ?!

TEAMS ONE THROUGH SIX WILL PROCEED TO THE OASIS!!
AFTER TEAMS THREE AND FOUR HAVE REJOINED, WE WILL RETREAT TO THE FIRST OASIS!!
TEAMS SEVEN AND EIGHT, PROTECT THE WAGONS AND HEAD BACK TO THE FIRST OASIS! REGROUP WITH NINE AND TEN AS YOU GO!!
AVOID COMBAT WITH ANY TITAN AS BEST YOU CAN!!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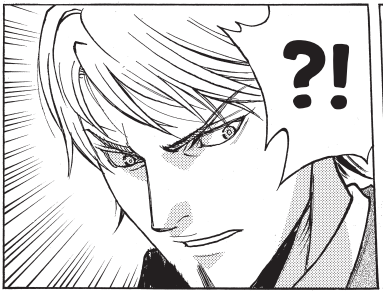
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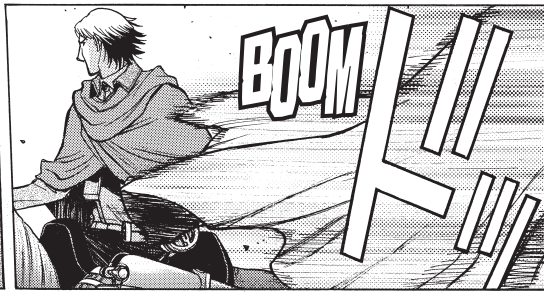
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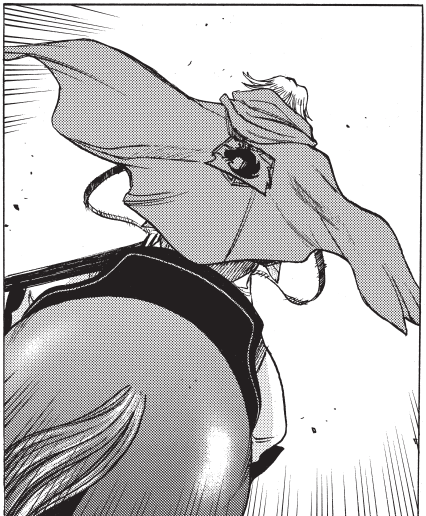

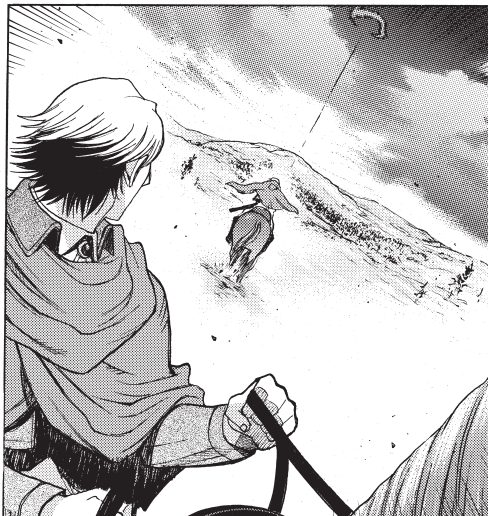

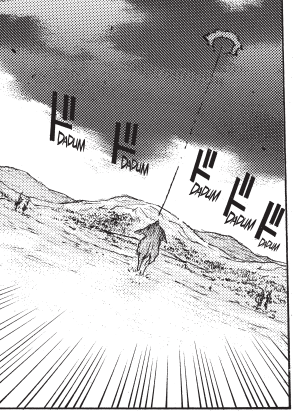
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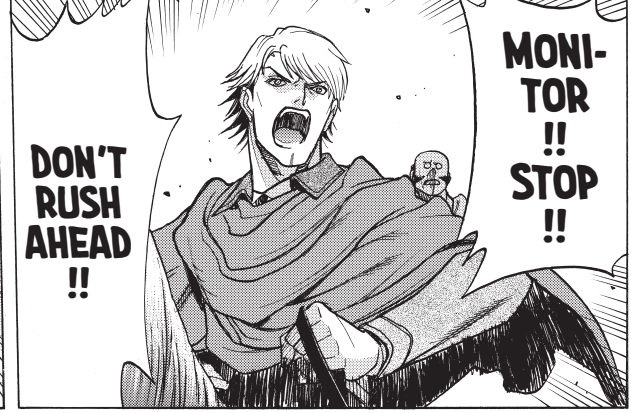
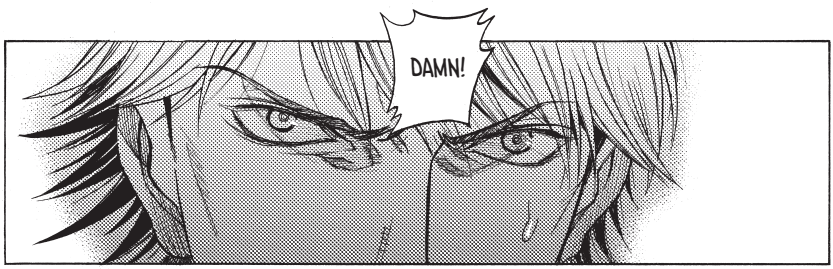

DON'T RUSH AHEAD !!
MONI-TOR !! STOP !!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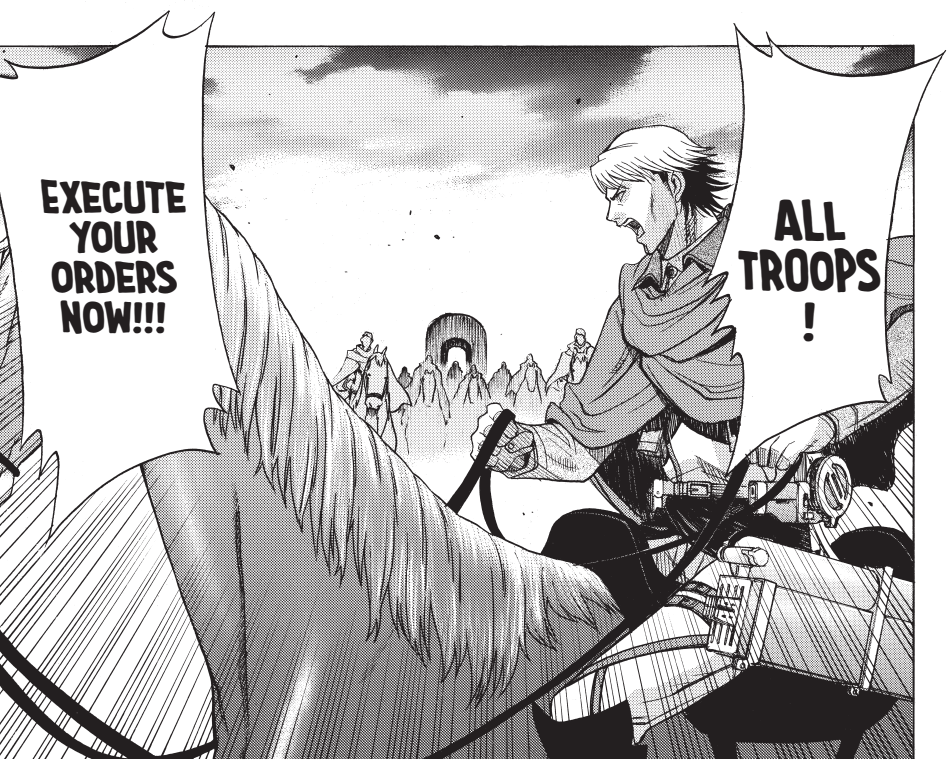
EXECUTE YOUR ORDERS NOW!!!
ALL TROOPS !

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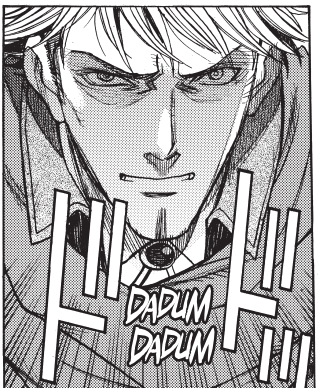
10-KM SOUTH-WEST OASIS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...HELL OF A TIME FOR A DOWNPOUR!
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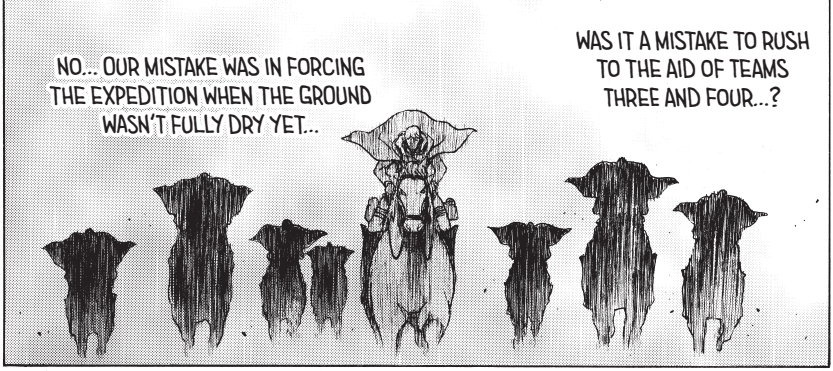
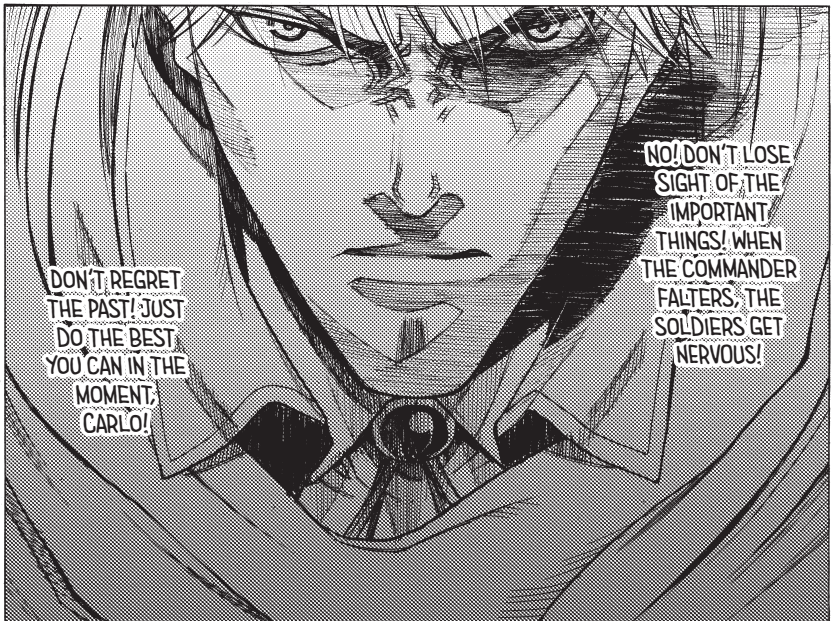

WAS IT A MISTAKE TO RUSH TO THE AID OF TEAMS THREE AND FOUR...?
NO... OUR MISTAKE WAS IN FORCING THE EXPEDITION WHEN THE GROUND WASN'T FULLY DRY YET...

I SUPPOSE IT WAS ALSO A MISTAKE TO PUT TEAM TEN AT THE VERY REAR...
IF ONLY YOU WERE HERE NOW, KUKLO...


NO! DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS! WHEN THE COMMANDER FALTERS, THE SOLDIERS GET NERVOUS!
DON'T REGRET THE PAST! JUST DO THE BEST YOU CAN IN THE MOMENT, CARLO!

ROSA...

KLOP KLOP

BUT HOW DO WE GET BACK THERE WHEN WE'RE COMPLETELY DISORIENT-ED?

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY, KUKLO?

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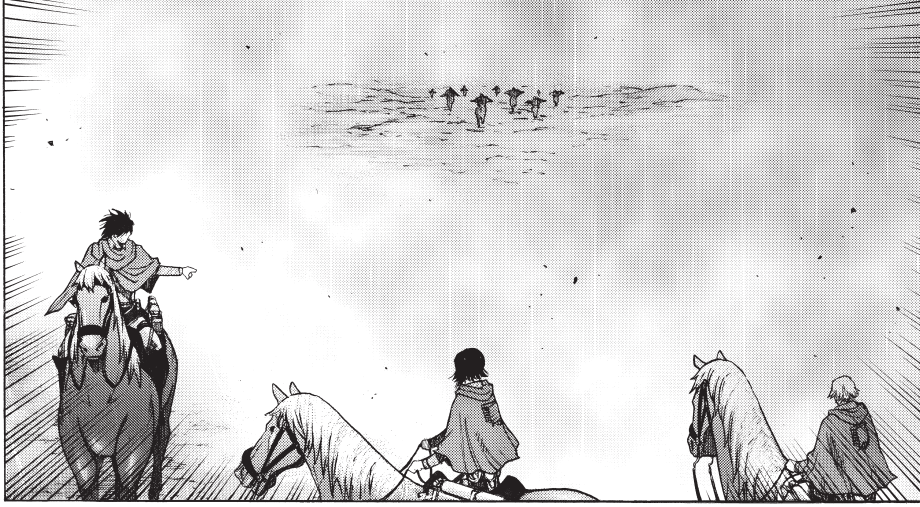
YEAH ...

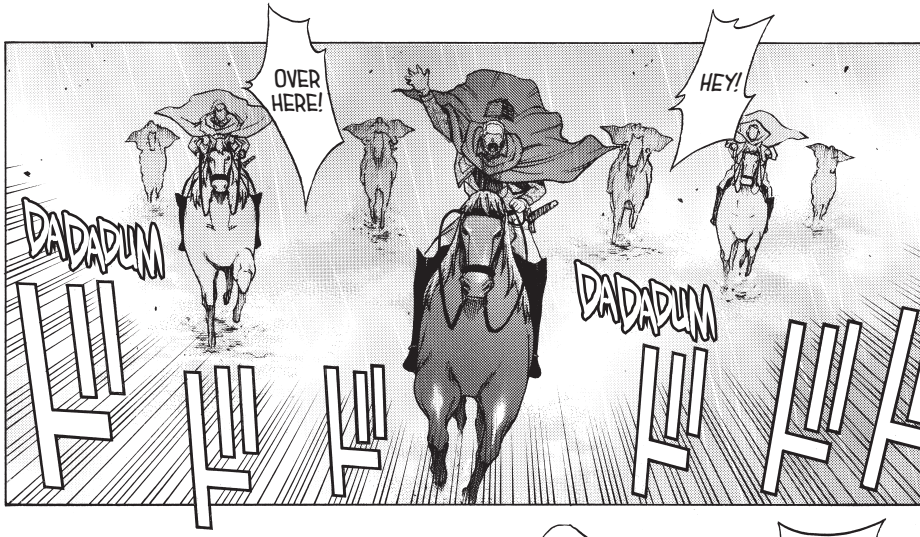
IF WE JUST STAY HERE, WE'LL FREEZE.

SHOULD WE RETURN TO THE OASIS FROM BEFORE?

HMM?

YEAH, IT WAS BACK...

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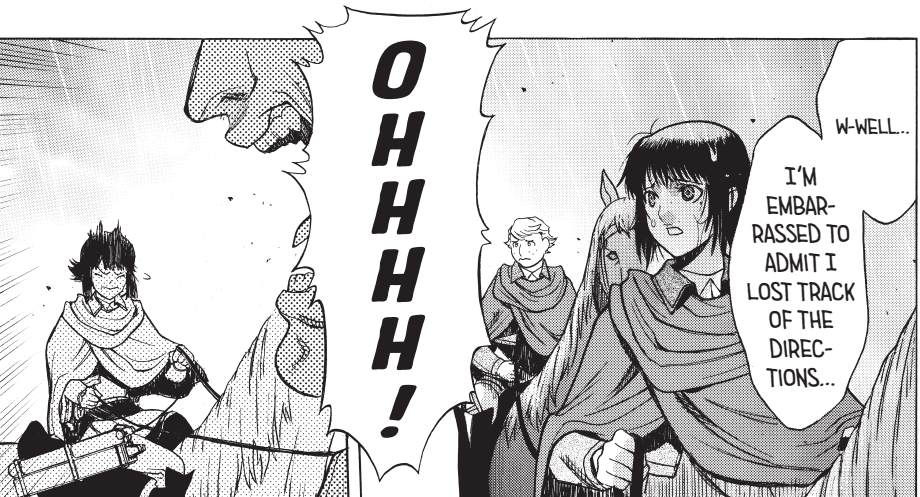
CAPTAIN CARLSTEAD! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHY ARE YOU HERE ?!


W-WELL...
I'M EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT I LOST TRACK OF THE DIRECTIONS...
OHHHHH!

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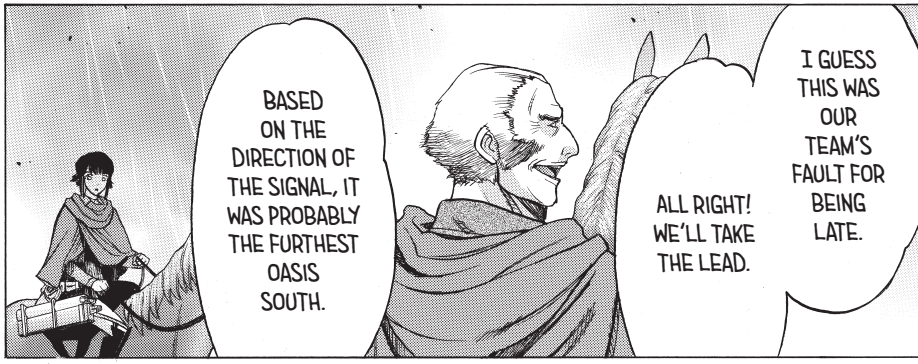
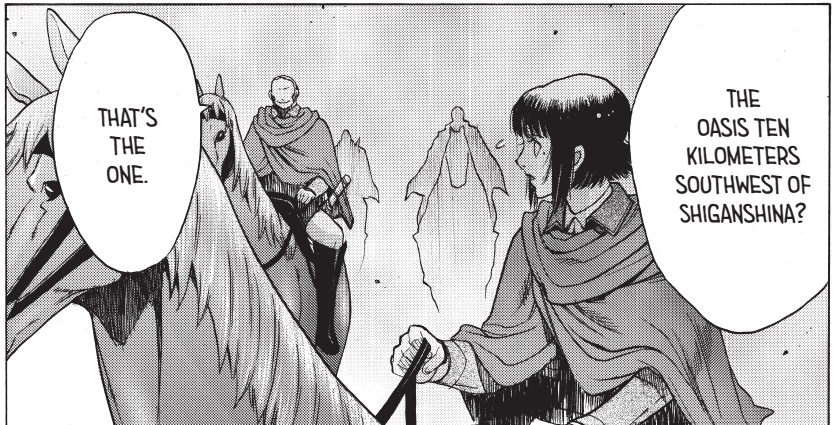
AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF THAT RED STAR ANYMORE, EITHER!
WELL, IT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOUR FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE IS IN RAIN LIKE THIS!


BASED ON THE DIRECTION OF THE SIGNAL, IT WAS PROBABLY THE FURTHEST OASIS SOUTH.
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL TAKE THE LEAD.
I GUESS THIS WAS OUR TEAM'S FAULT FOR BEING LATE.


THAT'S THE ONE.
THE OASIS TEN KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF SHIGANSHINA?

I TOOK PART IN A NUMBER OF EXPEDITIONS FIFTEEN YEARS BACK, YOU SEE.

I'VE GOT ALL THAT TERRAIN RIGHT HERE IN MY HEAD.

FOLLOW TEAM NINE AND WE'LL LEAD YOU RIGHT!

TH... THANK YOU!

WE'LL STICK WITH YOU, CAPTAIN BARNA!

SURE THING!

SIMON BARNA AND HIS SEVEN TROOPS ARE AT YOUR SERVICE!

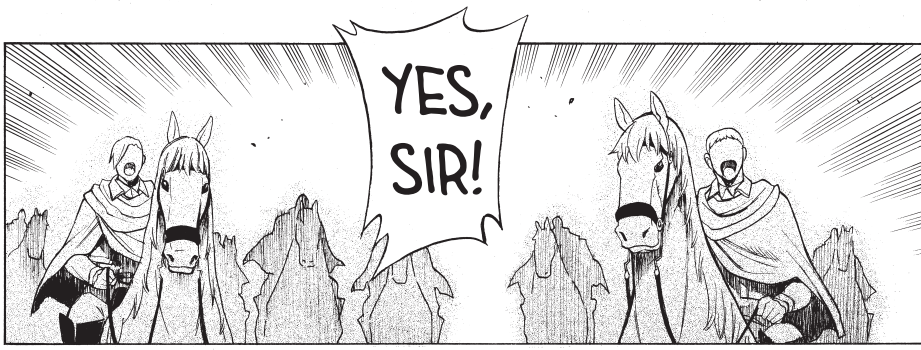
FOLLOW US, CAPTAIN CARLSTEAD AND TEAM TEN!

WE WILL! OH, AND...

...YOU CAN JUST CALL ME ROSA.

HA HA, WILL DO.

LET'S GO, PEOPLE! DON'T GET LOST!
WE'RE GOING FIRST, THEN!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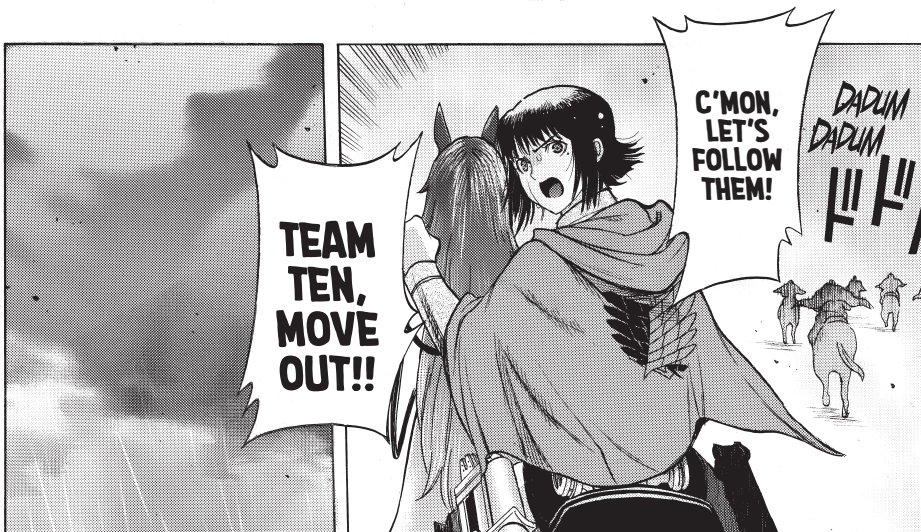
TEAM TEN, MOVE OUT!!
C'MON, LET'S FOLLOW THEM!
DADUM DADUM

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KA-KLAK
IT'S ABOUT TIME...
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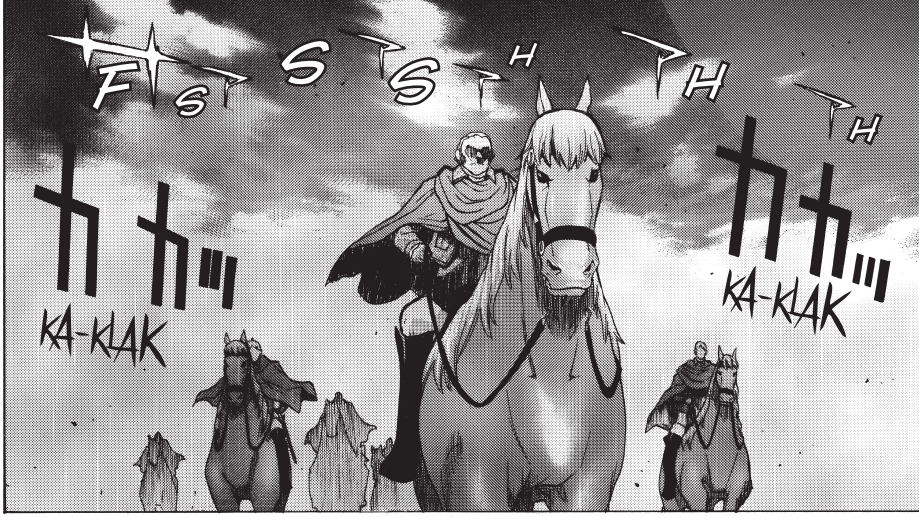
SHIGANSHINA
5-KM OASIS
TEAM NINE (BARNA)
TEAM TEN (ROSA)
10-KM SOUTH-WEST OASIS
I THINK WE'VE RIDDEN ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS.
WE SHOULD HAVE PASSED THE HALFWAY POINT FROM THE FIRST OASIS BY NOW.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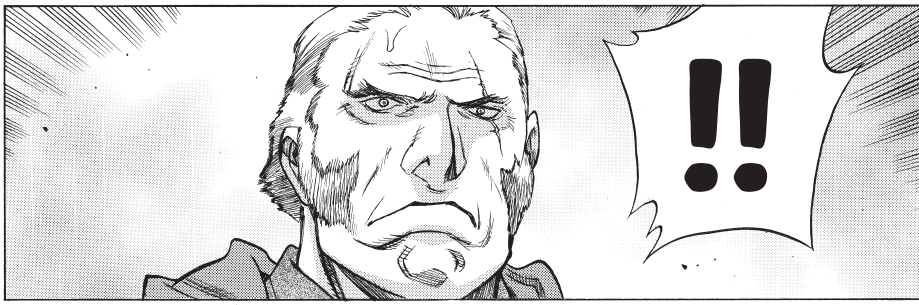
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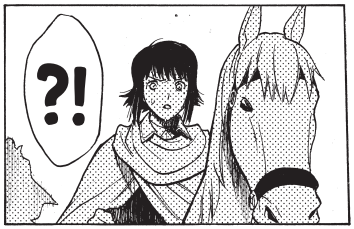
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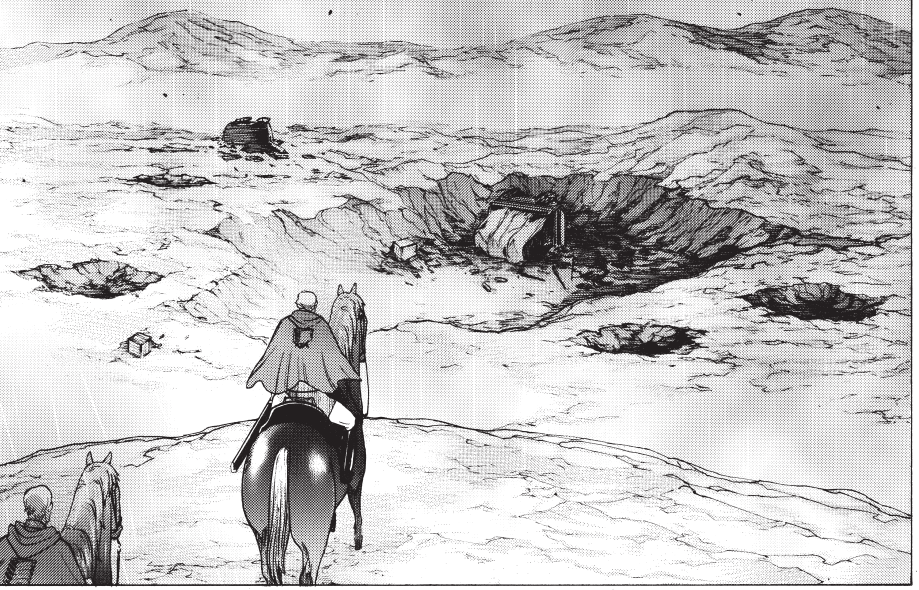
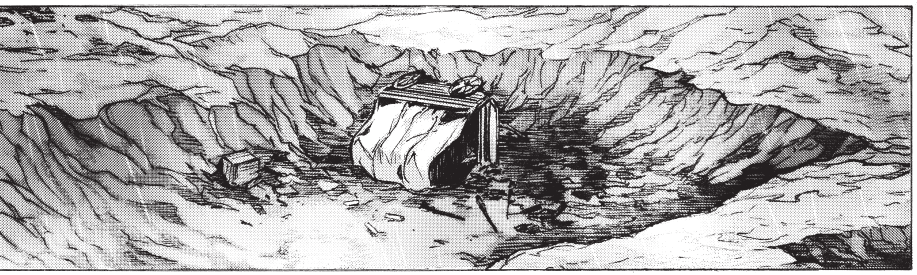
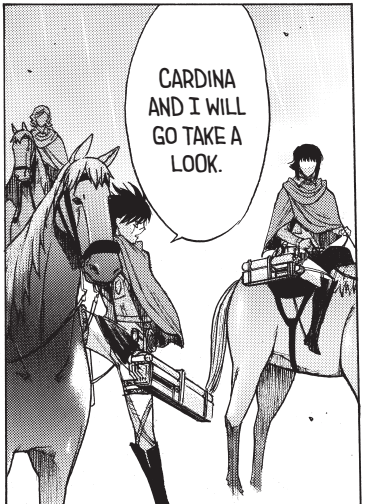
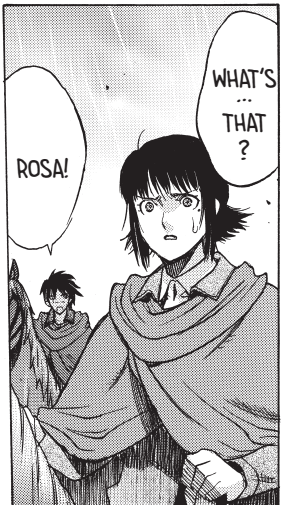
HALT !!

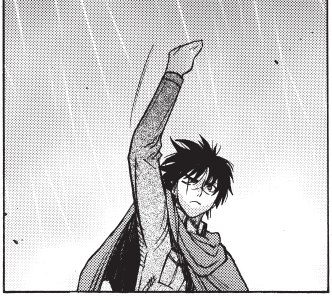
LOOK, CAPTAIN ROSA.

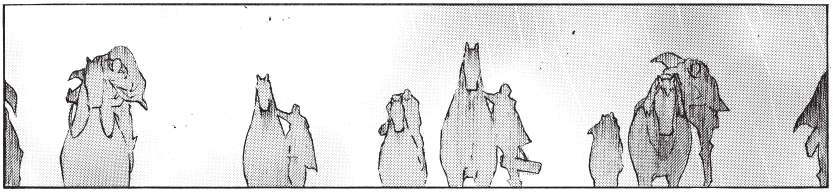


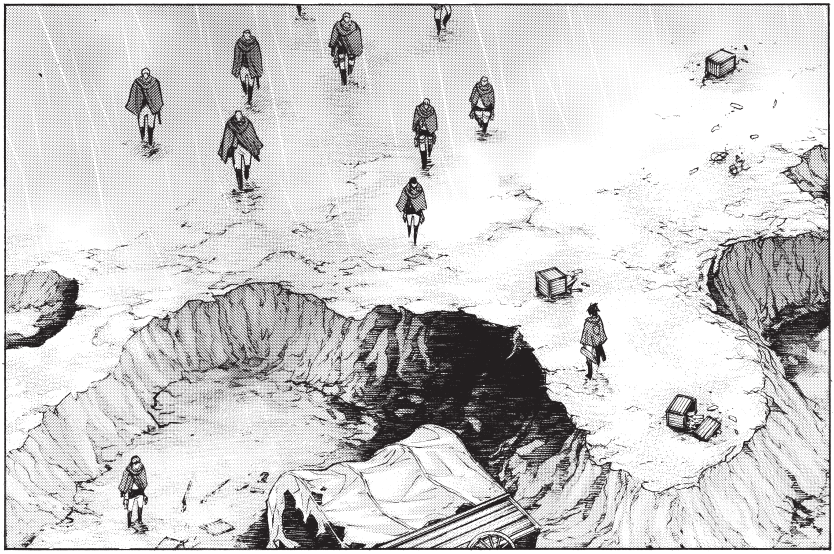


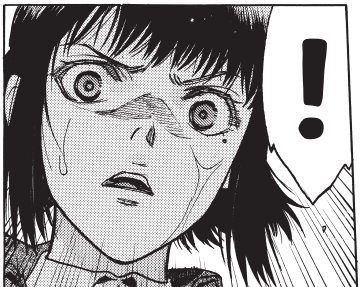

CARDINA AND I WILL GO TAKE A LOOK.


ROSA!
WHAT'S ... THAT ?





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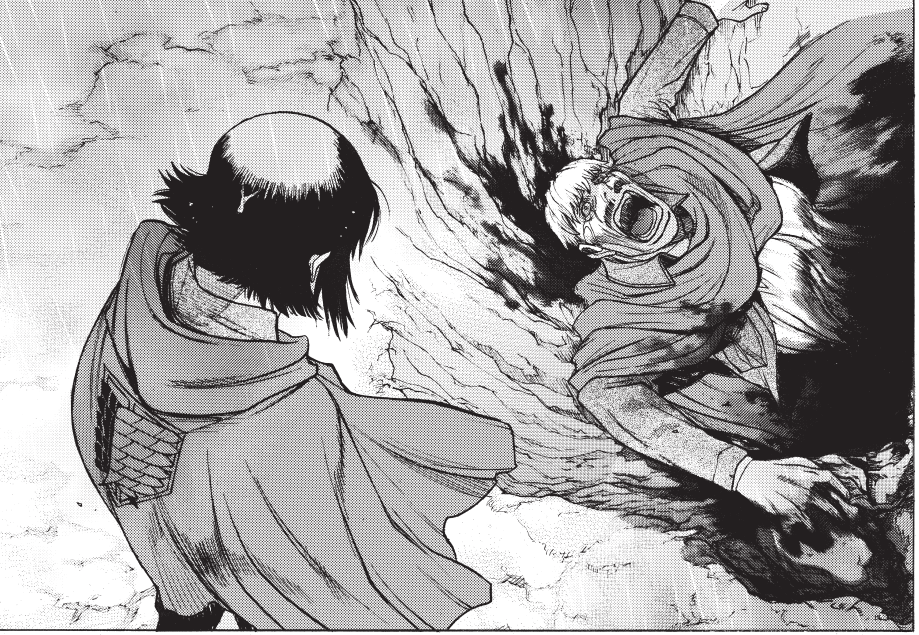

ROSA...
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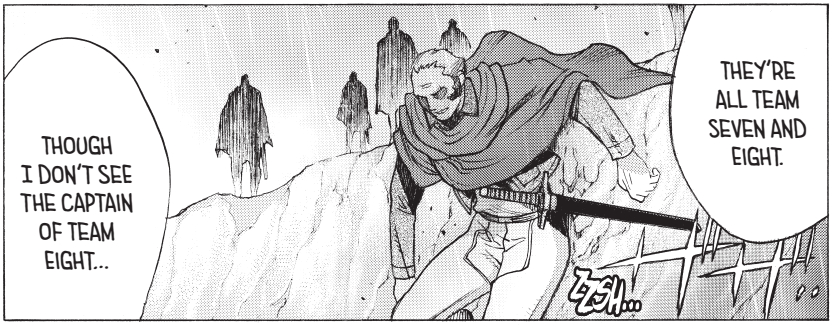
ISAAC...
THAT'S THE CAPTAIN OF TEAM SEVEN.

I RECOGNIZED THE FACES OF THE OTHER BODIES, TOO.


THEY'RE ALL TEAM SEVEN AND EIGHT.
THOUGH I DON'T SEE THE CAPTAIN OF TEAM EIGHT...
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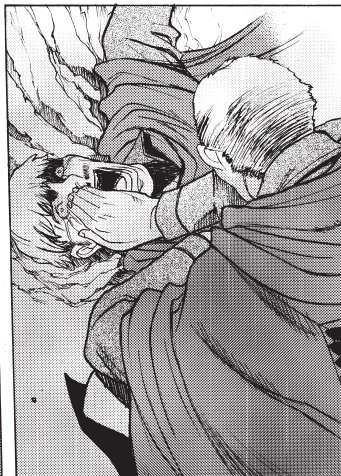
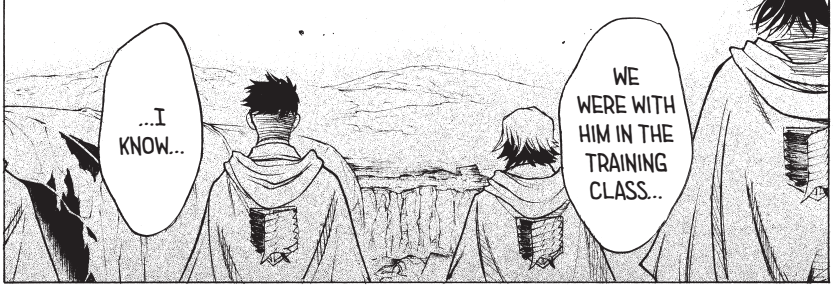
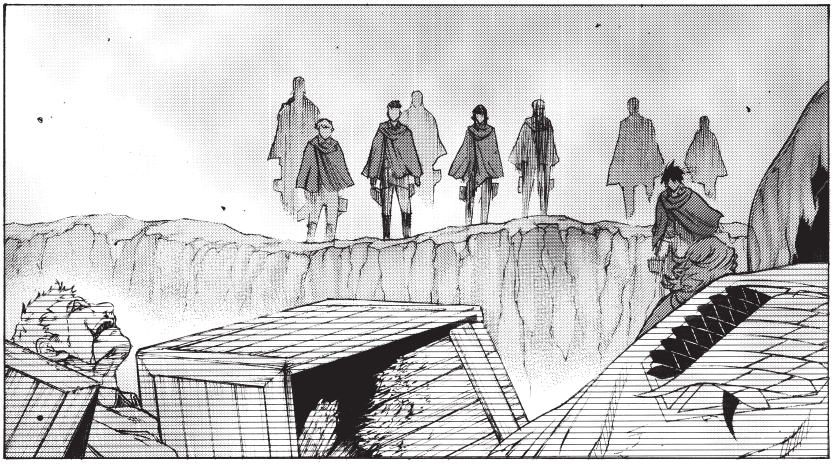
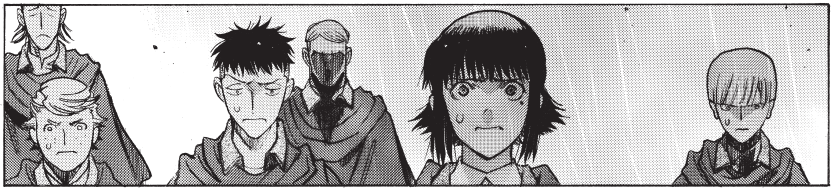
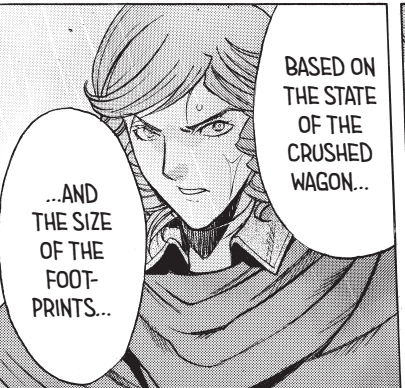
OH NO...
KAI...

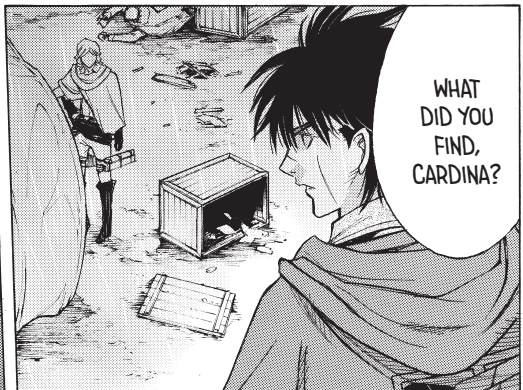



...I KNOW...
WE WERE WITH HIM IN THE TRAINING CLASS...






BASED ON THE STATE OF THE CRUSHED WAGON...
...AND THE SIZE OF THE FOOT-PRINTS...


WHAT DID YOU FIND, CARDINA?

...I ESTIMATE WE'VE RUN ACROSS A TEN-METER TITAN.
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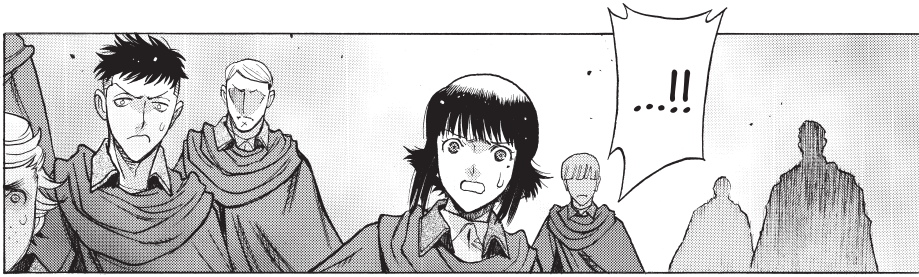
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I FIGURED AS MUCH.
IT MIGHT EVEN BE THE VERY ONE FROM THAT OTHER TIME.
DOOM

I SEE.
WELL, WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOO NIMBLE IN THIS KIND OF MUCK.
UP AGAINST A TEN-METER TITAN, THEY DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
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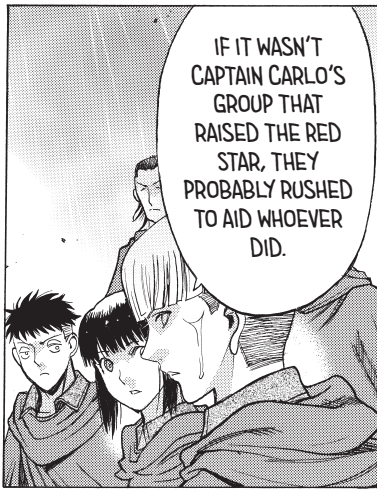
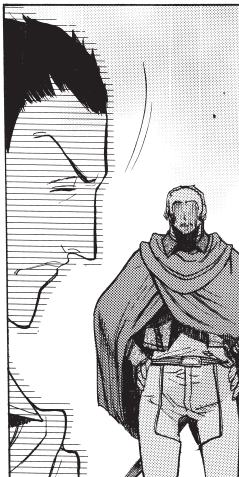
GULP...

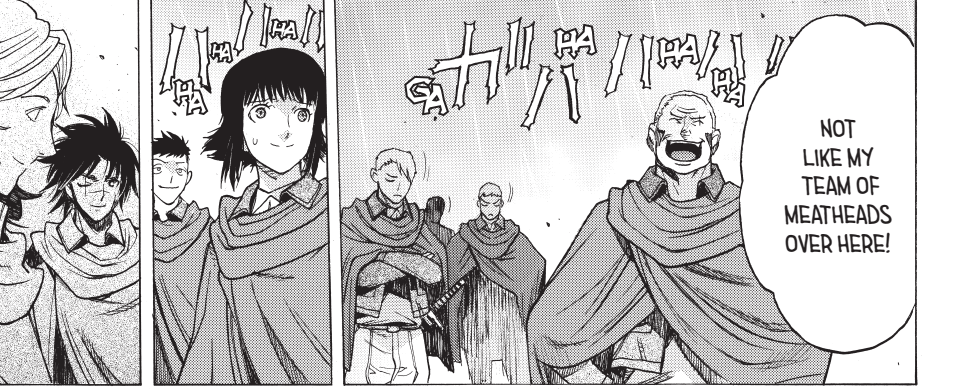
WHERE ARE THE REST OF THEM?
BUT IN THAT CASE, WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN CARLO?

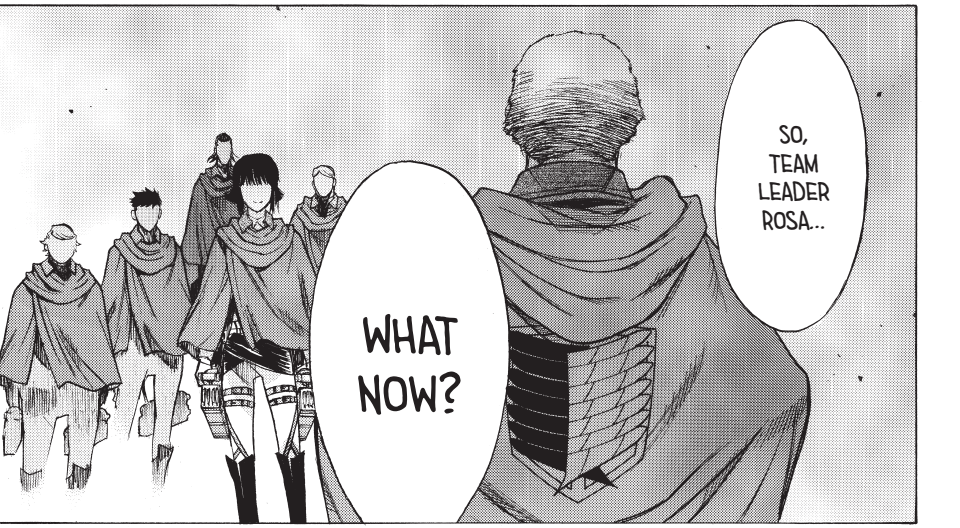
SO THAT OUR TWO TEAMS WOULD MEET UP WITH THEM ON THE WAY...
THE WAGONS WERE ONLY GOING TO BE AN OBSTACLE IN A TITAN BATTLE, SO HE SENT TEAMS SEVEN AND EIGHT AS ARMED ESCORT TOWARD THE FIRST OASIS...


IF IT WASN'T CAPTAIN CARLO'S GROUP THAT RAISED THE RED STAR, THEY PROBABLY RUSHED TO AID WHOEVER DID.

LOOKS LIKE TEAM TEN IS STOCKED WITH SOLDIERS WHO HAVE A SHARP MIND FOR TACTICS AND LOGISTICS!
WELL, WELL!




HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA
NOT LIKE MY TEAM OF MEATHEADS OVER HERE!


SO, TEAM LEADER ROSA...
WHAT NOW?

...HUH?
TEAM TEN IS OUR GREATEST WEAPON AGAINST THIS TITAN. THAT'S YOU.
IF THERE'S A FIGHT, YOU'RE GONNA HAFTA BE THE CENTRAL FIGURE.
SO IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHAT WE'RE DOING.

UP TO ME...!

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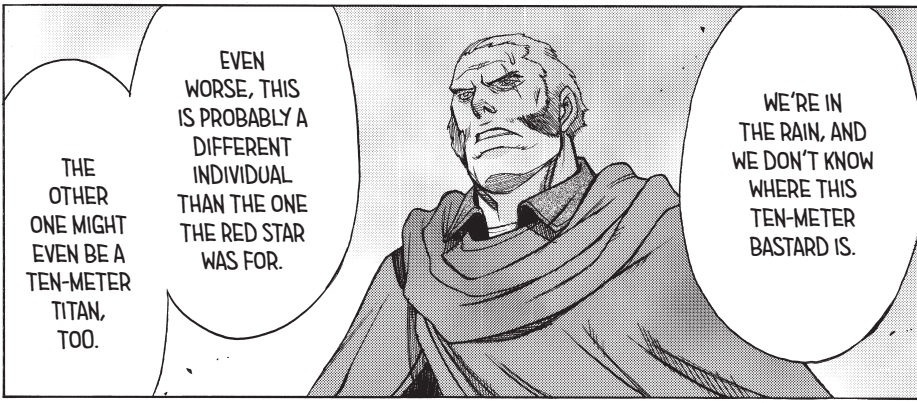
THE OTHER ONE MIGHT EVEN BE A TEN-METER TITAN, TOO.
EVEN WORSE, THIS IS PROBABLY A DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL THAN THE ONE THE RED STAR WAS FOR.
WE'RE IN THE RAIN, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS TEN-METER BASTARD IS.

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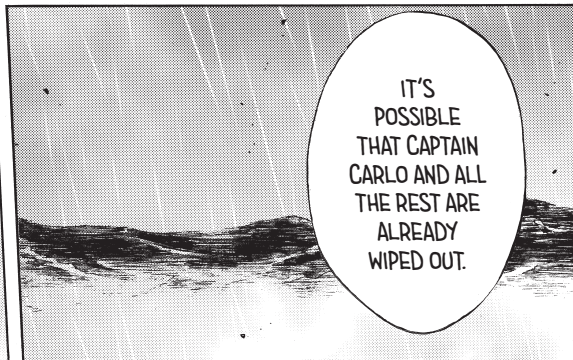
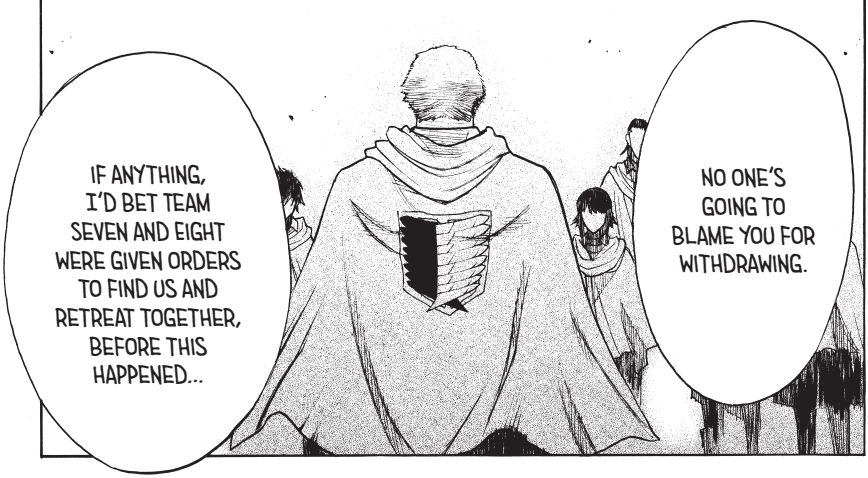
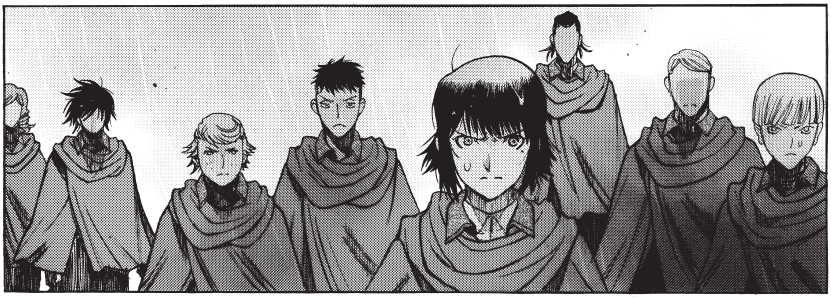
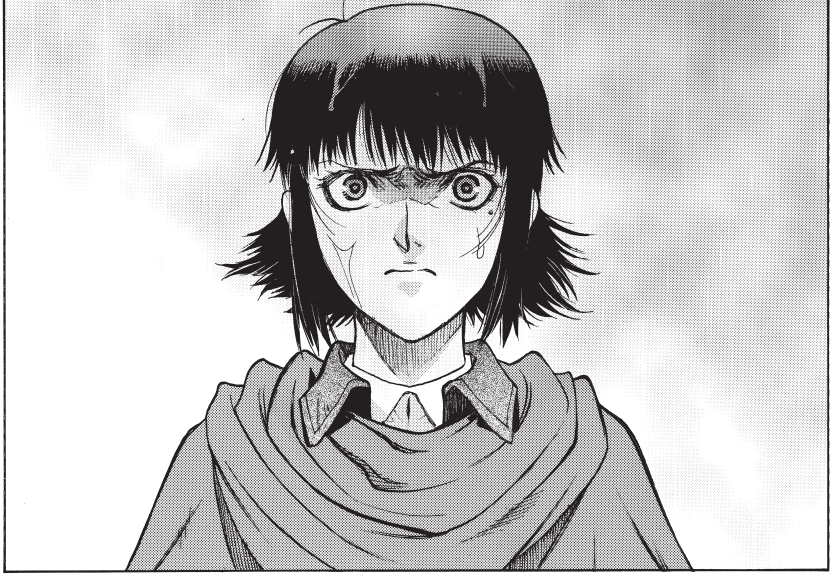
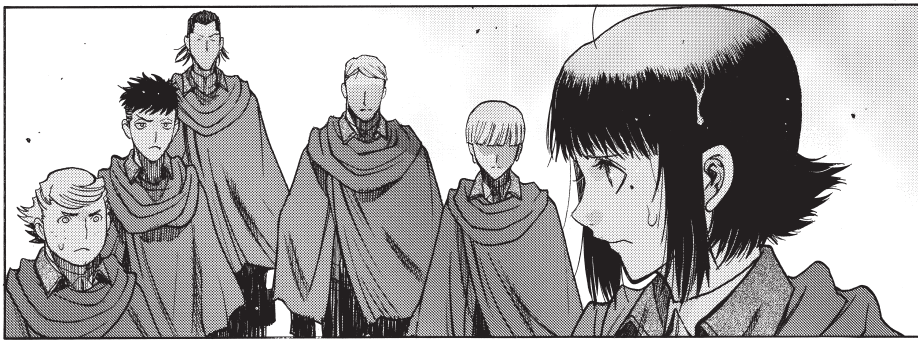

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT CAPTAIN CARLO AND ALL THE REST ARE ALREADY WIPED OUT.

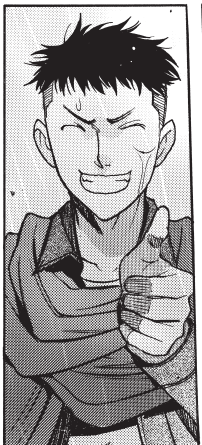

IF ANYTHING, I'D BET TEAM SEVEN AND EIGHT WERE GIVEN ORDERS TO FIND US AND RETREAT TOGETHER, BEFORE THIS HAPPENED...
NO ONE'S GOING TO BLAME YOU FOR WITHDRAWING.

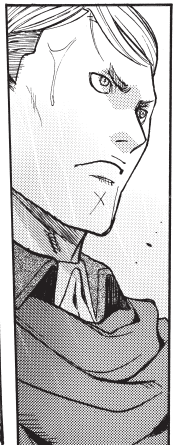


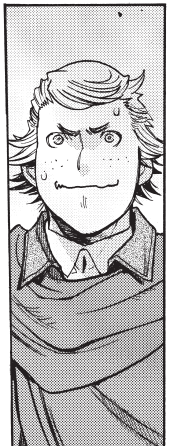
PROCEED, OR RETREAT?
THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE NO SOLID INTELLIGENCE, BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION REGARDLESS.
WHICHEVER OPTION YOU CHOOSE, KNOW THAT TEAM NINE WILL BE WITH YOU, TEAM LEADER ROSA.

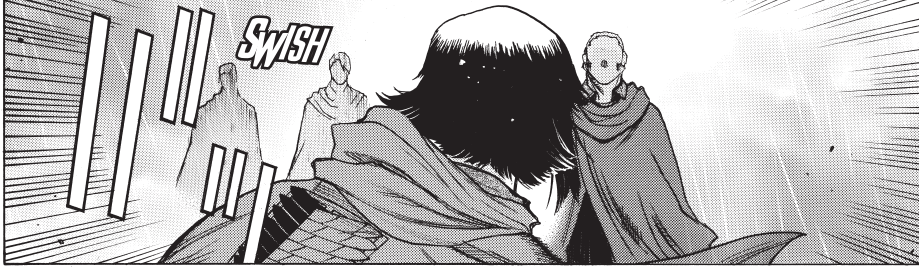








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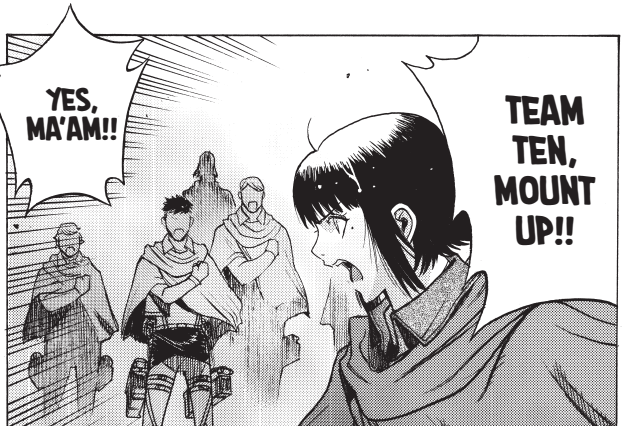
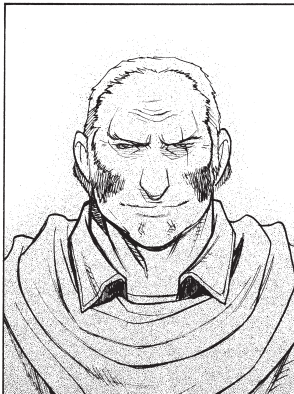
TEAM TEN WILL SEEK TO REJOIN CAPTAIN CARLO'S VANGUARD FORCE...
...BY HEADING TO THE SPOT WHERE THE RED STAR WAS RAISED!

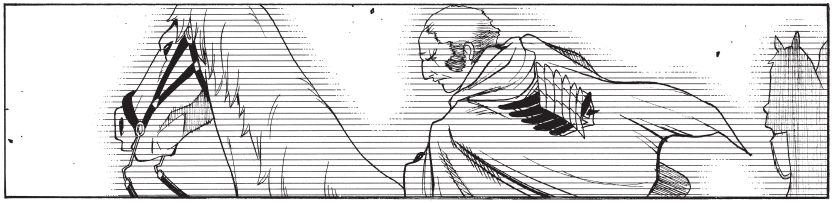

TEAM TEN, MOUNT UP!!
YES, MA'AM!!

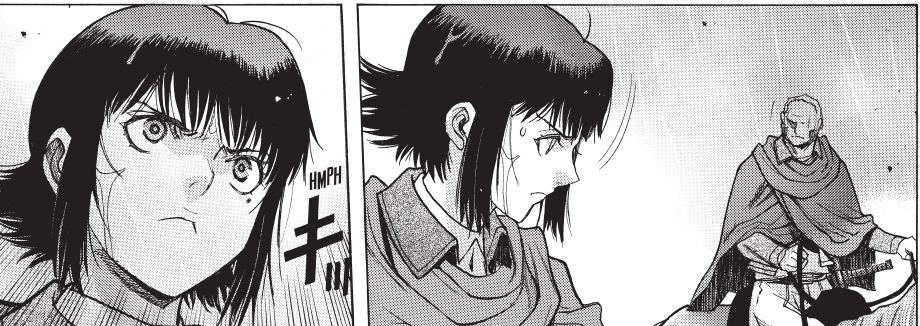


MOUNT UP!!

YES, SIR!

YOU HEAR THAT? TEAM NINE WILL BE ESCORTING AND GUIDING TEAM TEN TOWARD THE RED STAR'S POSITION!





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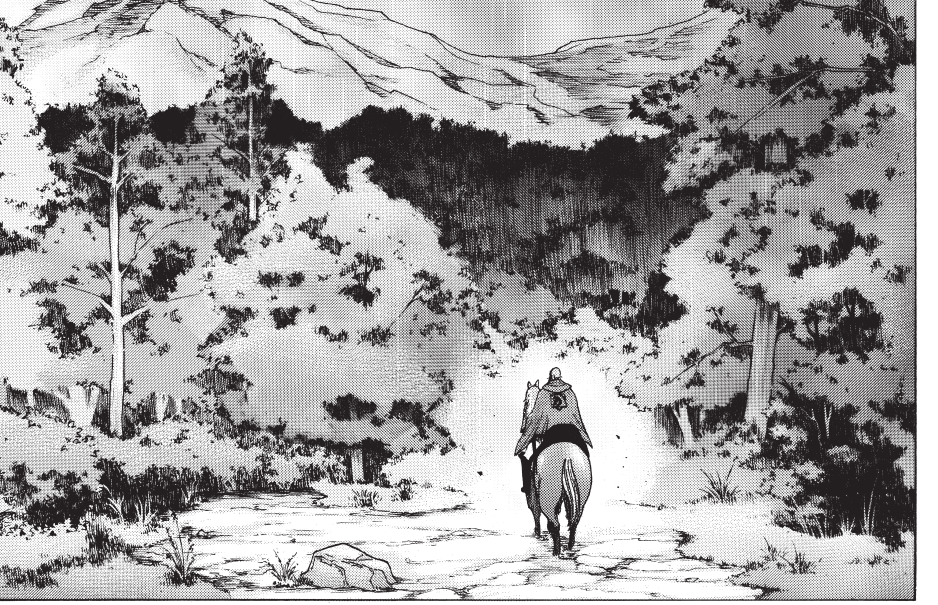

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SO THIS IS THE FURTHEST CONFIRMED OASIS TO THE SOUTH.
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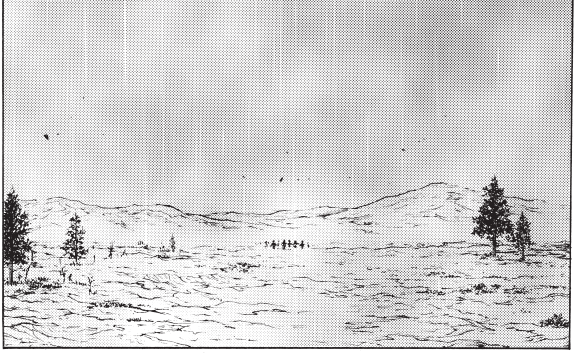
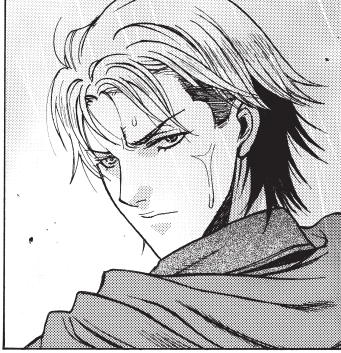
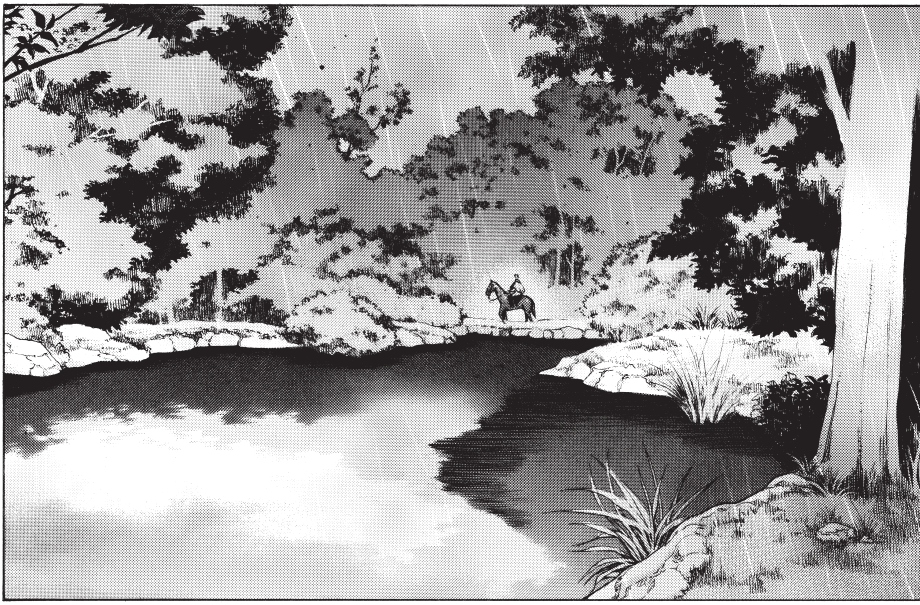
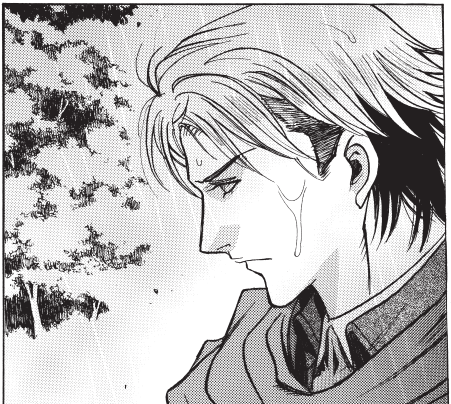
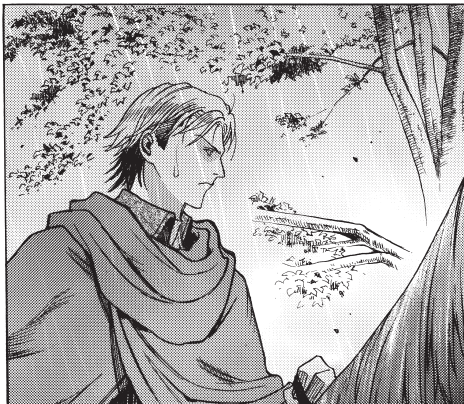


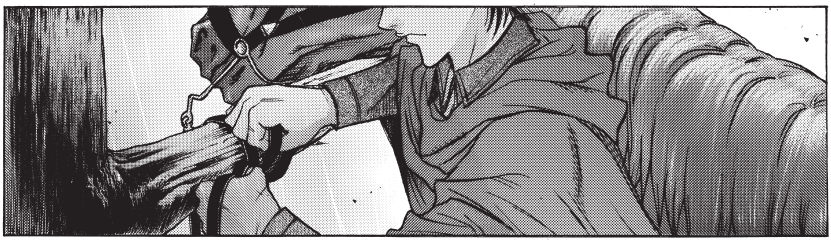








I'M CERTAIN THAT THIS IS WHERE THE RED STAR SIGNAL CAME FROM...



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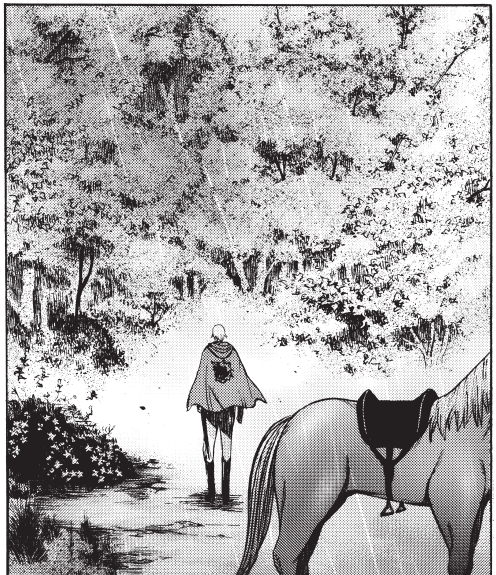

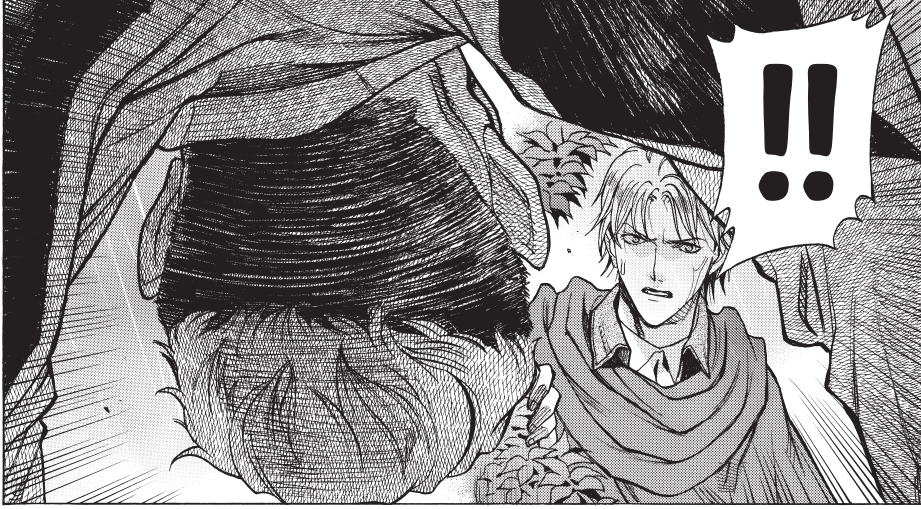

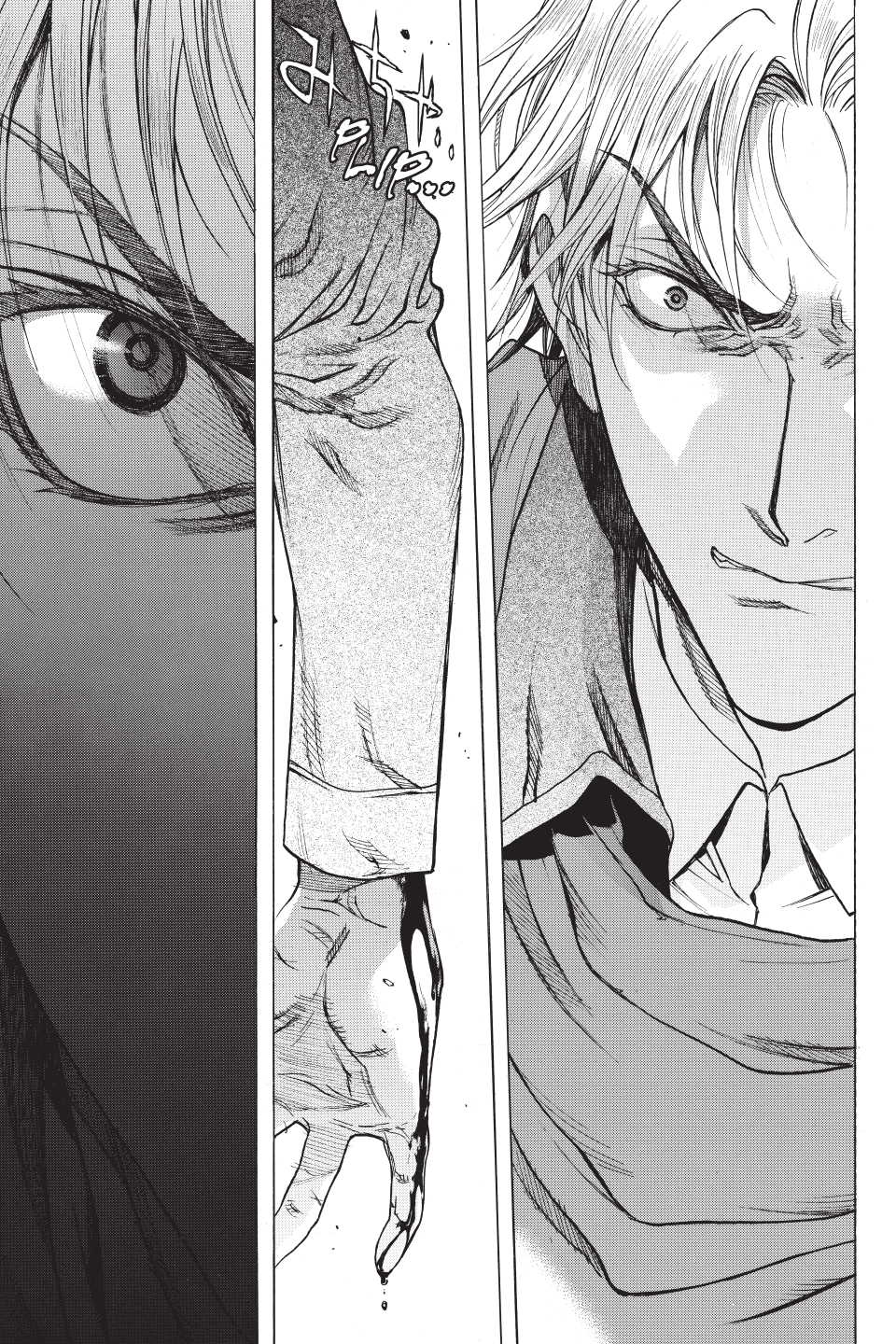
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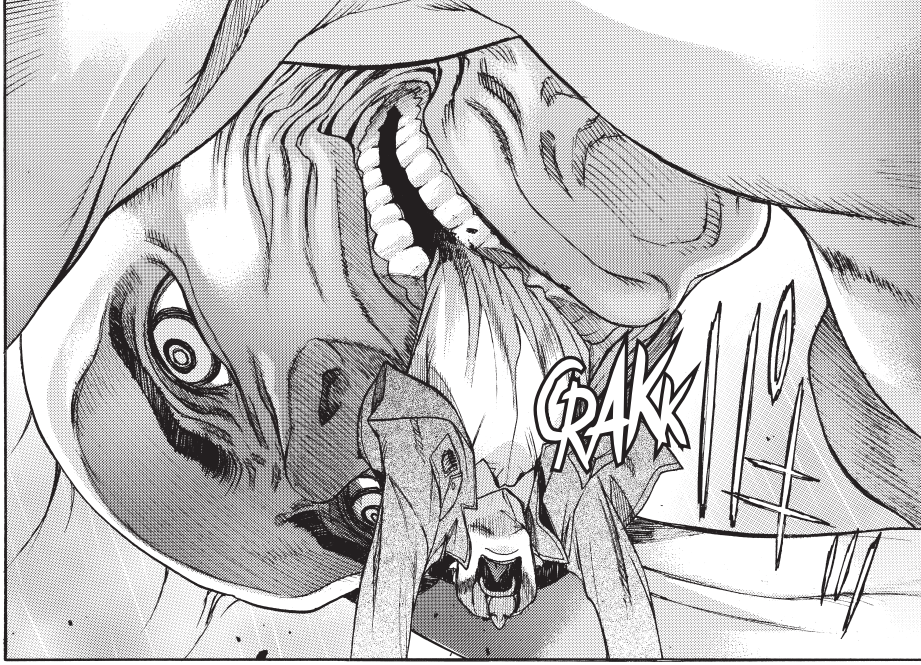
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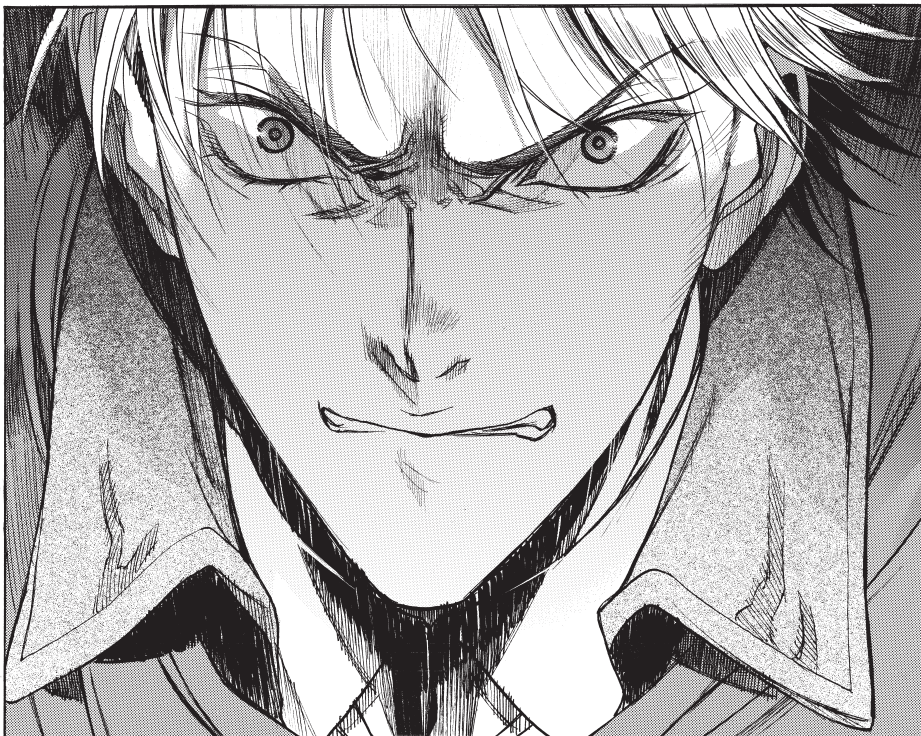

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NARAKA, PAGE 146

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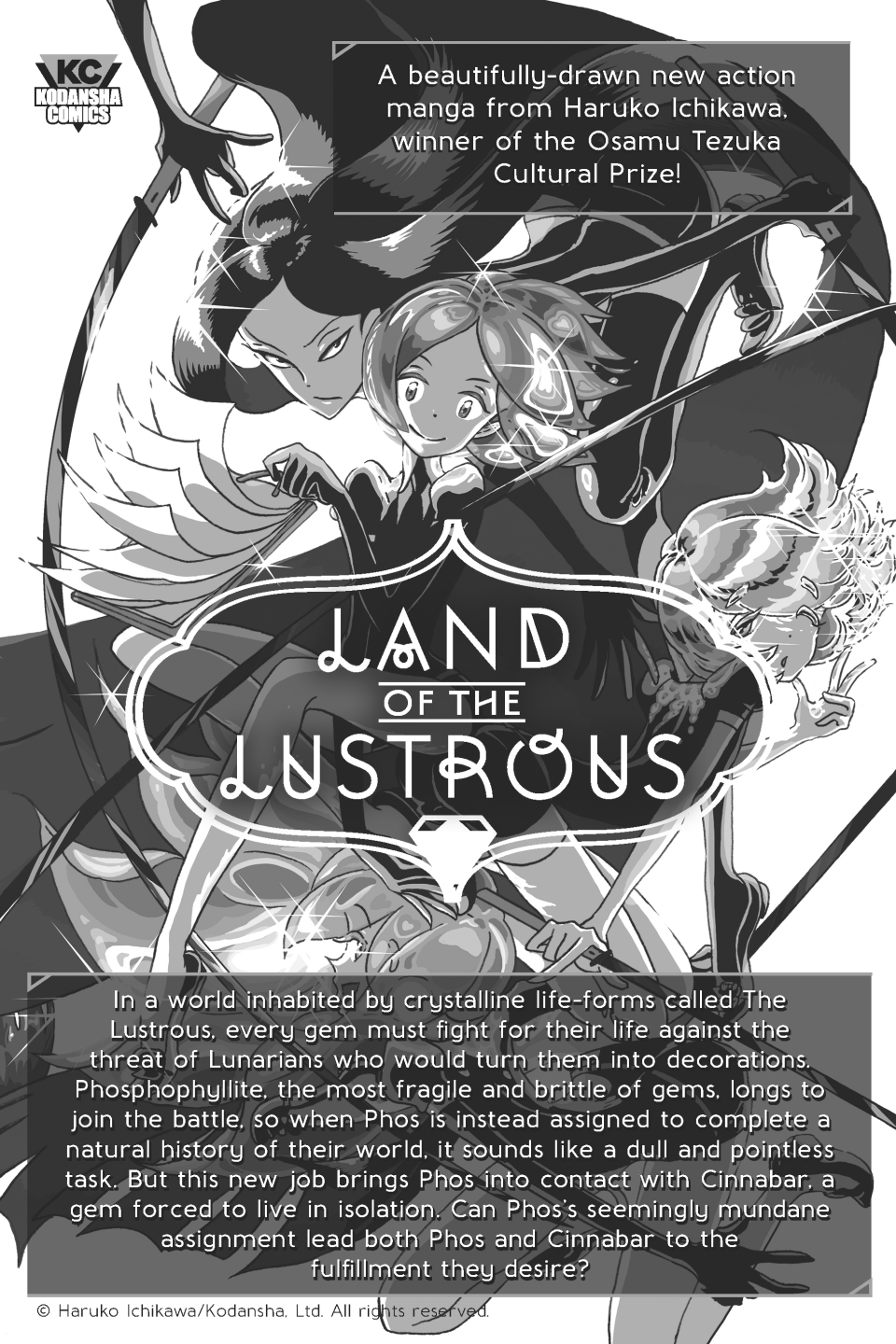

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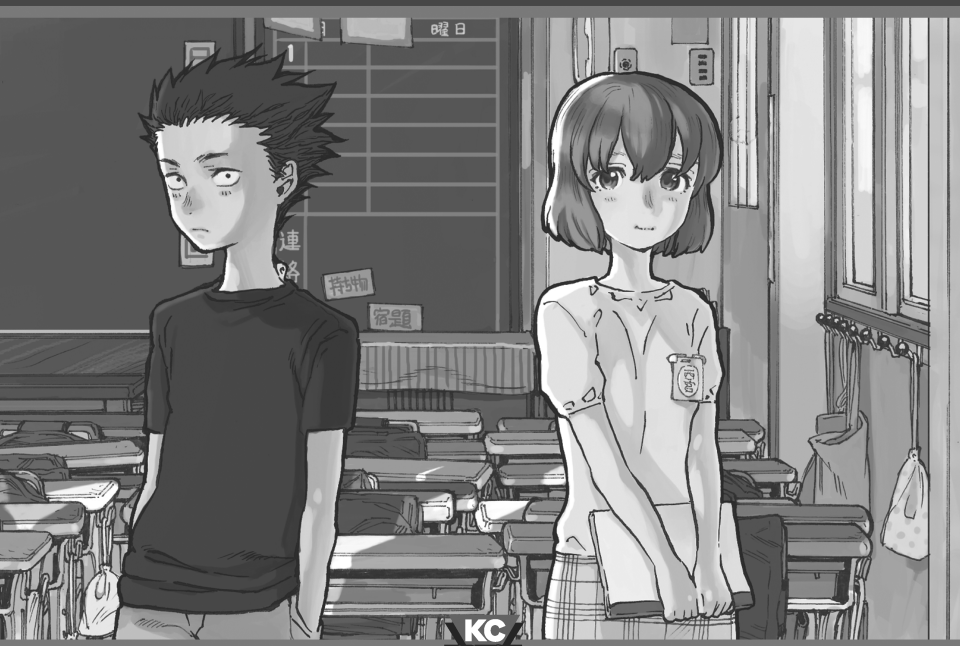

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